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Saipan casino law fix goes to Inos

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Senators passed last night by a vote of 7 "yes"—with one abstention and one voting "present"—a controversial bill that fixes the ambiguities of the Saipan casino law and empowers the Lottery Commission to grant an exclusive license for a casino on Saipan.

After waiting for almost five hours for the highly anticipated vote, a crowd of mostly retirees and former defined benefit members erupted in cheers and applause when the bill passed the Senate without amendment at 6:28pm.

House Bill 18-195, House Draft 1 now heads to Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that he will immediately sign the bill once the Legislature sends it to his office.

"We were expecting six 'yes' votes but we ended up with seven," Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) said moments after the bill's passage.

The seven "yes" votes came from Sens. Francisco Borja (Ind-Tinian), Joaquin Borja (Ind-Tinian), vice president Victor Hocog (R-Rota), Paul Manglona

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos, second from right, and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), right, lead the filing of candidacies for 26 total Republican candidates in the November election, at almost 1pm yesterday at the Commonwealth Election Commission, in the presence of the GOP leadership, supporters, and families. Receiving the petition is CEC's Julie Villagomez, left. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Inos, Torres lead 26 GOP members in filing candidacy

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) led yesterday's filing of candidacies for 26 Republican candidates at the Commonwealth Election Commission in Susupe, less than a month before the filing deadline.

This is Inos' first time to run for governor, over a year after his unprecedented rise to power when then-governor Benigno R. Fitial resigned on Feb. 20, 2013, in the middle of an impeachment process.

The Inos-Torres tandem is the first among four gubernatorial teams to file for candidacy this year. There are two independents teams and one Democratic Party team vying for the highest elected post in the CNMI in the November elections.

» Independent Precinct IV bet also files candidacy

With most of them wearing red shirts, the candidates, their families, and supporters witnessed the Republican gubernatorial team's filing of candidacies at past 12:30pm yesterday. GOP treasurer Ed Guerrero assisted the party's filing.

Election Commission executive director Robert Guerrero, along with Julie Villagomez and other CEC employees, received the nominating petitions and filings from the Republican candidates.

"I'm excited. Can you see the turnout here? I think we're moving. This is going to be an exciting election," Inos told reporters moments after the filing of candidacy. "Despite what happened to the Republican Party in the recent past, I think we've been able to, in many ways, put it back together."

Inos reiterated a solutions-driven Re-

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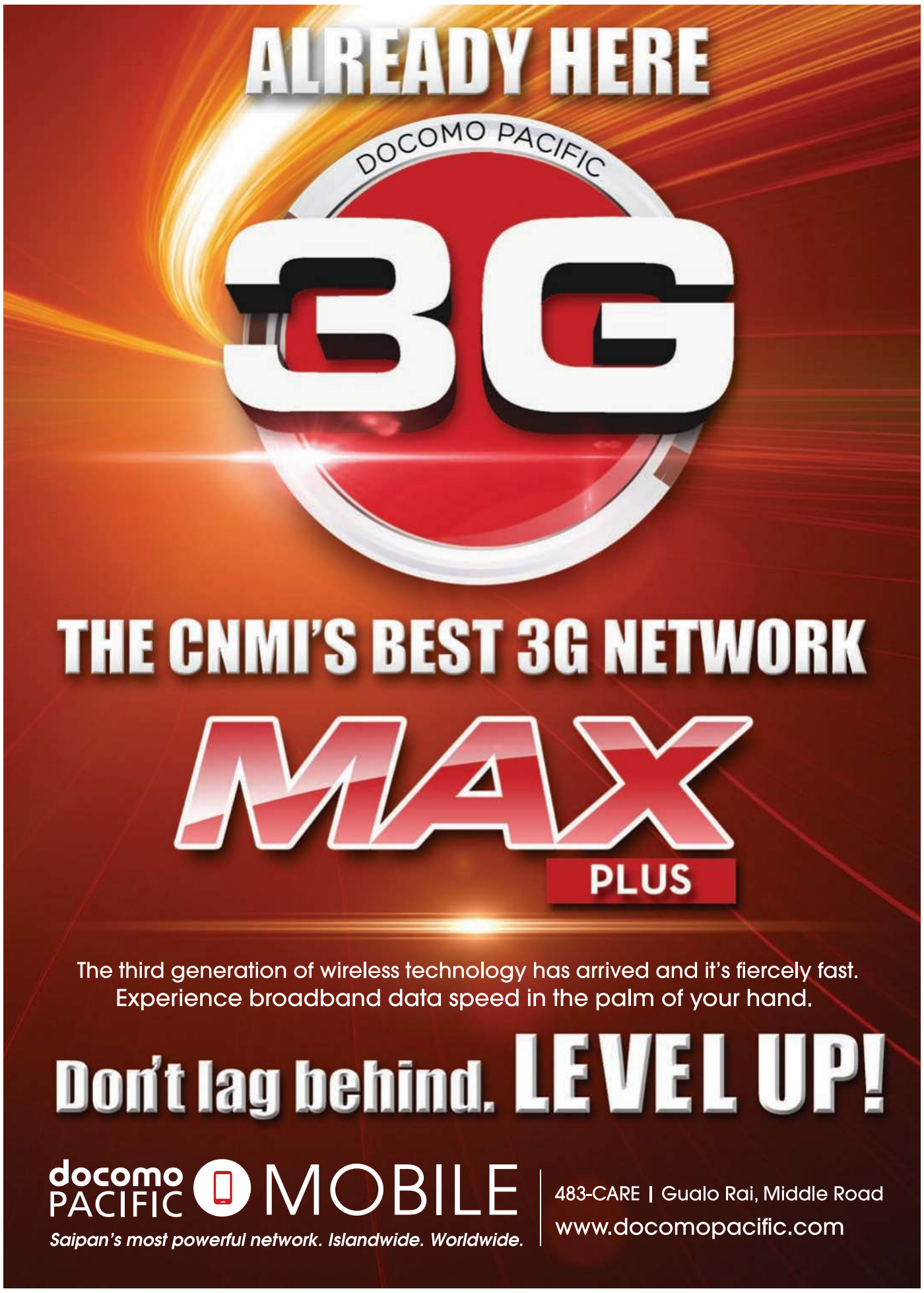
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Docomo launches new 3G network on Saipan

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After a year of planning, Docomo Pacific, Inc. is launching its newest network, 3G, on Saipan, according to an official unveiling of the event yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Docomo Pacific's president and chief executive officer Jonathan Kriegel told *Saipan Tribune* that it will work exactly how customers expect 3G to work, enabling faster transmission of data to cell phones.

"Customers can now have access to the 3G network and access data a lot faster and that is what everybody wants these days. The computing power in a mobile phone or tablet goes up, as customers want to be able to use their devices essentially how they use their computers at home," Kriegel said.

He also noted that people want to access their social networks, respond to emails, and upload photos using mobile devices faster—and 3G provides that to customers.

In a separate statement, Docomo said it upgraded 10 sites on Saipan to 3G. The upgraded sites will cover the southern, western and central part of Saipan, with plans to upgrade additional sites in the near future to cover the northern and eastern parts of the island.

It said that Docomo made significant infrastructure investments to modify their existing network infrastructure to support 3G calling and data transfer. 3G network technology enables more efficient data packet transfers, support of multimedia applications and other data connections that can be derived from the Internet, all in addition to voice telephone technology that all consumers have become accustomed to.

"Docomo Pacific subscribers can do much more than it can on the old 2G network. 3G technology empowers users with data transfer speeds up to three times as fast as 2G technology. Not only does 3G deliver faster, it also serves richer content straight to your mobile phone. This means your smartphone works smarter and performs richer functions that you can only dream of while on 2G," said James Nelson, general manager of Docomo Pacific in the CNMI.

Current Docomo subscribers will have to option keep their current 2G MAX 128 data speed at the current rate, or upgrade to MAX *PLUS* 3G for an additional $10.55 per month for higher speeds. All new activations and subscribers who renew their agreements will be activated on the new MAX *PLUS* 3G data plan at $24.55 per month.

Kriegel said that prior to the yearlong planning, they had to go through computer base planning to look at where to put the sites and where the areas might have 2G or 3G network, including areas where they might have s 3G network. "Once you plan it you have to buy the equipment, install, and test the equipment."

Kriegel said that some of their existing customers got a taste of the 3G network two weeks before its official launch on the island.

He also cited the fact that Docomo Pacific is still the only telecommunications company on the islands authorized to sell Apple products.

This helps iPhone users to access more features through Docomo, in which Apple will push all the proper settings to iPhone users so it could be used.

"If you are under Docomo's network you will be able to access all those features," Kriegel said.

NOAA defends research in Northern Islands

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A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries official has responded to public views faulting their research as exclusive and against the people of the Commonwealth's interest.

"We cannot speak to how other research vessels conduct themselves but I can say that whenever NOAA Fisheries conducts research in the area, we notify the appropriate government offices and often include local partners in our projects and on our ships," said Wende Goo, of NOAA Fisheries Pacific Region's Communications and External Affairs.

A Commonwealth Ports Authority board member had urged his colleagues to deny the entry of research vessels into the CNMI, in order to protect its interests and resources.

"What scientists normally do, they go up north and do not even tell the mayor of the Northern Islands what they're going to research and eventually they created the Marine National Monument in 2009," said CPA board member Benigno Sablan.

He also faulted the lack of revenue made by these visiting vessels and the lack of updates on the kind of research being done or their results.

As recently as last weekend, Dr. Robert Humphreys, of NOAA's Pacific Island Fisheries Science Center, led an open house and presentation on their ongoing research in the Northern Islands.

At the open house at Charlie Dock and the following presentation at the American Memorial Park Auditorium, Humphreys openly discussed the research process of the scientists and crew onboard with parents and children and other members of the public.

His research assists data on fish stocks to gauge their size, longevity, health and vulnerability to fishing.

Humphreys compared his research to similar research he did in the Northern Islands 30 years ago and said "local knowledge" this time around, along with advancements in technology and equipment, helped a lot in getting better results.

Goo said the current cruise has staff from the Commonwealth's Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality.

"There is also a local CNMI cooperating fishermen representing the Northern Islands Mayor's Office as well as an instructor and student from Northern Marianas College," she said.

Shirley Taitano, a student from NMC, was recently aboard the first leg of the trip.

Humphreys praised her for quickly catching on to the scientific work of processing bottom and reef fish.

Jaime Barlowe, another NOAA scientist on the vessel, said they are engaging students from NMC to be a part of their research.

"We're here to empower people that are starting out," he said.

The *Sette* is currently finishing the second leg of its research expedition around the islands of Pagan, Guguan, Sarigan, and Anatahan.

IN WAR ON DRUGS

DPS prepares to begin drug testing; efforts revived to create drug court

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The Department of Public Safety has been working on efforts to begin drug testing on its officers, while the local courts have been actively reviving their efforts to create a drug court.

Deleon Guerrero

DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero told reporters that the Office of the Governor has already committed to give the department the money that is required to begin drug testing for law enforcement officers.

Deleon Guerrero disclosed that there is a current effort that has been developed between DPS and the governor's special assistant for personnel management to work in coordination with the Office of Personnel and Management so that they can begin the drug testing.

He believes that after a month and a half, everything will be in place and the drug testing can begin.

The commissioner also disclosed that local courts are actively reviving their efforts in order for a drug court to start in the CNMI.

Deleon Guerrero said they had a meeting with one of the judges, who expressed a willingness to restart efforts to get the drug court going.

"I think all the publicity [on the department's war against illegal drugs] is adding pressure to everybody to do a better job at drug enforcement," he said.

"We need the courts to be in these efforts," Deleon Guerrero added.

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25 pct. PSS funding initiative now heads to voters

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Voters in November will be asked whether or not they agree to amend the NMI Constitution to ensure that the Public School System will receive 25 percent of the government's annual budget—up from the current 15 percent funding. This, after the Senate passed last night House Legislative Initiative 18-12, barely a month before the deadline for placement on the November ballot.

Senators passed without amendment HLI 18-12 by a vote of 7-0 at 6:51pm.

The seven "yes" votes were from Sens. Jack Borja (Ind-Tinian), Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan), and Senate President Ralph Torres (Ind-Saipan).

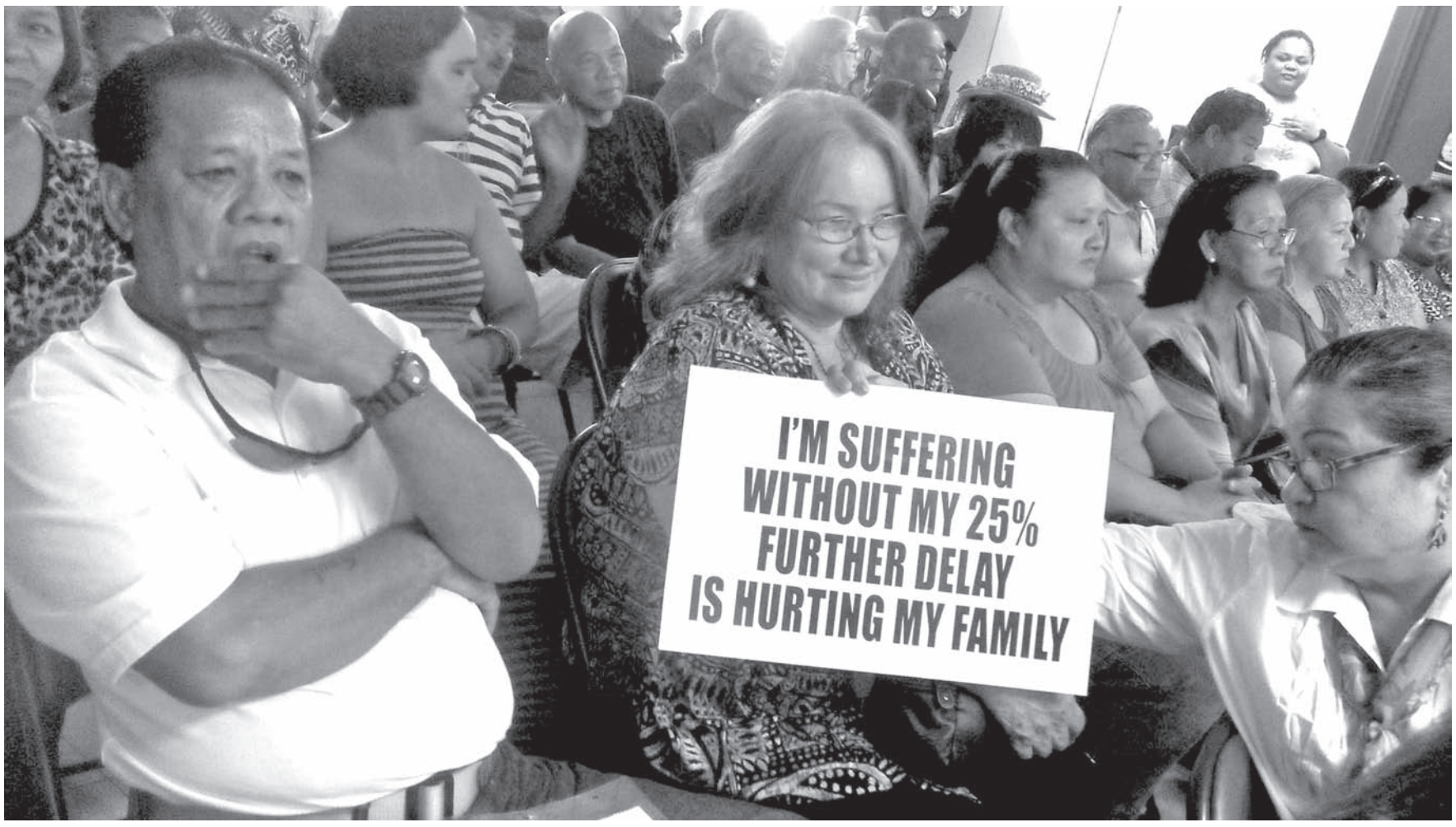
Two other senators had to leave the session earlier: Senate vice president Victor Hocog (R-Rota) had to return to the hospital, while Sen. Frank Borja (Ind-Tinian) had to catch a flight.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan, when sought for comment last night, said she's "hopeful" that voters would vote "yes" to the education initiative.

"I am confident that the people who would vote in November would vote 'yes' to the initiative because it is all about the children of the Commonwealth," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune.*

HLI 18-12, authored by House Education Committee chair Roman Benavente (Ind-Saipan) and Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), seeks to amend Article 15, Section 1(e) of the CNMI Constitution to increase PSS' guaranteed funding from 15 percent of the government's annual appropriation to 25 percent.

The 15-percent guaranteed funding for PSS was established in 1985. Proponents of the initiative said the level of funding public education in other U.S. jurisdictions is closer to 25 percent of their annual budget.



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Retirees fill the Senate's gallery on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon to urge senators to pass a bill repealing and reenacting the Saipan casino law in its entirety to clarify its ambiguities, hoping the bill's passage would lead to the payment of their 25 percent deferred pension since last year. After an almost five-hour session, the Senate passed House Bill 18-195, HD1 by a vote of 7 "yes," with one abstention and one voting "present."

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(Ind-Rota), Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), and President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan).

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) abstained from voting.

Floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan) voted "present."

Manglona and Taimanao previously voted against the Saipan casino law, saying they want Saipan voters to decide on it instead.

Manglona said in an interview last night that the Thursday vote is not a "yes" or "no" to Saipan casino, but to address concerns on the bill that he pointed out in a letter to the Lottery Commission.

"And I feel the pain of people here. But the pain of the people on Rota is a hundred times more. For that reason, we have to work on this and other bills, like my initiative to extend the private land leases to 99 years," he said.

Yumul, during discussion on HB 18-195, told senators that a July 10 letter from attorney Joyce C.H. Tang of Civille & Tang PLLC, retirement settlement fund trustee, pointed to specific concerns about the language of the bill.

The first one raises the concern whether the different language for the senatorial districts regarding payment of their 25-percent pension means Saipan retirees will be treated differently than Rota and Tinian retirees.

The second one raises the concern that retirees now off island could be excluded from payment.

Reyes said this is "monkey wrench being thrown on the bill," and "another trick to try to delay the process." He said the semantics doesn't matter.

When asked by senators, counsel Antonette Villagomez said the bill as written does not treat Saipan, Tinian, and Rota retirees, and those currently off island, differently when it comes to payment of their 25-percent pension.

Yumul said the Legislature should come up with a bill "better" than the one in front of them, so as not to "invite more lawsuits." He said he wants to help the retirees, and even those who want to vote on a casino in November but asked his colleagues to amend the bill.

Among his proposed amendments, which he didn't offer on the floor, is to raise the gross revenue tax to 34 percent, from only 5 percent under the casino law.

Yumul said the gross revenue tax rate for Macau is 39 percent; 12 percent in Singapore; and 7.9 percent in Atlantic City. He said the CNMI would only collect some $81,000 a year.

The annual casino business license is $15 million.

'Struggle'

Nineteen of the 21 members of the public who testified before the Senate from 2:51pm to almost 4:30pm urged senators to pass HB 18-195 and send it to the governor for his signature.

Retirees and former DB members believe that once the bill becomes law, it will pave the way for the Lottery Commission to grant an exclusive Saipan casino license and trigger the release of $30 million to pay for retirees' deferred 25-percent pension and former DB members' withdrawn contribution interests.

Retirees spoke mostly about their struggles living with a pension cut since October last year.

"Senators, you have to do the right thing," said retiree Phillip T. Fejeran.

In between sobs, former DB plan member Adela Capati said she's thankful that she's still alive to see the day when she gets the interest on her withdrawn contributions to the Retirement Fund. She said she's thankful that there are investors willing to do business in the CNMI.

"I hope it would be passed. The impact of a 25-percent pension cut is too much. You know how much they cut from my pension every month? About $936. That's too much. Before the cut, I was living comfortably. It's not the same anymore," said retiree Pedro DLG. Pangelinan in an interview.

Edward D. Babauta, 57, said it's a struggle to live with a 25-percent pension cut and hopes this would end soon, with the help of a casino industry.

'Compromise'

Only concerned citizen Leila Staffler urged senators to vote "no" to HB 18-195, because she believes its passage would nullify the referendum petition with over 4,200 voters.

Staffler asked that voters be given a chance to decide in November whether they want a casino on Saipan. She said senators could also allow a legislative initiative to put the question on the ballot.

"Let the people be part of the process. This casino will affect us in so many ways. …Think of all the choices in front of us," she added. Staffler submitted to the Office of the Attorney General on Monday referendum petitions rejecting the Saipan casino and electronic gaming laws.

Former U.S. Interior assistant secretary for insular affairs David Cohen, now representing Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc., clarified that Marianas Stars doesn't have a position on casino gaming on Saipan. He said they defer to the prerogative of the people.

Marianas Stars is one of two investors vying for an exclusive Saipan casino license. The other one is Best Sunshine International Ltd.

After reiterating Marianas Stars' concerns on HB 18-195, Cohen said they earlier proposed a two-license compromise that would have doubled the money for retirees and everyone else. But that was not even brought up at the House of Representatives during a vote on the bill on Tuesday.

In his testimony yesterday before the Senate, Cohen offered Marianas Stars' "last-ditch compromise to protect the people of Tinian and Rota."

Cohen asked senators to amend HB 18-195 to prevent a Saipan casino from opening until Jan. 1, 2020.

"…that would give the Tinian Dynasty's new owners the head start they need to try to survive the otherwise insurmountable competition from Saipan. It would also give Rota at least a narrow window to get its gaming industry, which the people of Rota have approved, on its feet," Cohen said.

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publican team.

"What we're presenting are solutions. We have essentially identified the problems or at least the root of the problems. …Everything that we do here, this leadership, would be about solving problems."

Inos said a casino on Saipan is among those solutions.

"Casino is a major solution to the fiscal problem, especially the problem that's facing the retirement fund. This is a long-term [solution]. Casino is a 40-year license. Every year is $15 million in license alone and the revenue is untold millions so it is a long-term solution," he added.

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider also filed his candidacy for a Senate seat. Hofschneider was Senate president in February 2013 when he ascended to become the lieutenant governor.

Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas also filed his candidacy for Tinian mayor.

Most of the candidates for the House of Representatives and Senate were also at the commission yesterday.

Independent bet

Meanwhile, independent House of Representatives candidate for Precinct IV Vinzon "Vinnie" F. Sablan also filed his candidacy at the Election Commission at 12:40pm yesterday. Sablan is currently laboratory manager for the Division of Environmental Quality under the Bureau of Environment and Coastal Quality.

Sablan was surrounded by his wife Roca and children, campaign committee chair Tony Kapileo, family, friends, and supporters during the filing.

OAG seeks dismissal of suit filed vs Rota physician

The Office of the Attorney General has moved to dismiss all 12 claims against Rota Health Center's Dr. Francois Claasens, who is one of many others being sued by a woman who alleged that she was forcibly removed from her house on Rota and detained in the psychiatric ward of the Commonwealth Health Center on Saipan.

Assistant attorney general Ghassan Harb asserted that Kay Christian's complaint fails to assert sufficient facts to sustain any of the claims she brings against Claasens.

Harb asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI yesterday to dismiss 12 causes of action—unreasonable seizure, due process violation (Involuntary Civil Commitment Act), due process violation (physical and chemical restraint), freedom of speech and due process violation (telephone access), discrimination in violation of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, breach of settlement agreement, violation of Patient's Rights Act, negligence, and four counts of CNMI Constitution violations.

Christian's lawyers are Jeanne Rayphand and Matthew Holley, both of the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems Inc.

According to Christian's complaint, police officer Eusebio Manglona and 10 unnamed persons entered her house without her consent on Dec. 31, 2013, at 1pm.

Without provocation, Manglona allegedly grabbed Christian's arm, twisted her arm behind her, carried her downstairs, handcuffed her to a stretcher and brought her to the Rota Health Clinic. At the clinic, she was allegedly injected with medicines.

On Jan. 1, 2014, Christian was brought to Saipan where she was allegedly involuntarily committed to the psychiatric ward at CHC. She was released from the ward two days later.

Christian later amended her complaint that asserts 12 claims against Dr. Claasens.

In Claasens' motion to dismiss, Harb said there is an alternative explanation that the doctor acted legally—that he had probable cause to believe that Christian was dangerous and reasonably restrained her.

Harb said Christian has not asserted any facts to support a claim that the doctor failed to follow the procedures set forth for 72-hour emergency detention in the Involuntary Civil Commitment Act and that no facts in the complaint suggest that Claasens failed to follow the procedures of the Patient's Rights Act.

Harb said Christian's assertions is not specific on how the doctor denied her access to telephone use and states no facts that would support a finding that the doctor discriminated against her because of her alleged disability.

Further, Harb said, no facts in the complaint suggest that Claasens personally used handcuffs against Christian at the Rota Health Clinic.

Harb said Christian has not shown that she has exhausted all administrative remedies by filing a grievance alleging that her rights were violated, nor does she suggest what conduct the doctor allegedly did that constitutes negligence or how Claasens' supposed negligence caused her injury.

Harb said that Christian has also failed to plead sufficient facts to state any claims of relief for violations of any Commonwealth constitutional rights. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

NMC presses ahead with 4-year degree in business management

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With its accreditation now with the WASC Senior College and University Commission, the Northern Marianas College's plan to offer a bachelor's degree in business management is now full speed ahead.

"The program is going, is starting. There is no if, ands, or buts about it," Richard Waldo, NMC's Instructor of Accounting, said in a news briefing on Wednesday.

NMC's Board of Regents approved the plan to offer the business management degree in March.

NMC was previously under the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, and offered just a bachelor's degree in education. The college could not offer a second bachelor's degree until it had transitioned to the Senior Commission.

According to acting NMC president Jacqueline Che, NMC decided to offer a bachelor's degree in business management because of the workforce needs.

"The private sector identified business as a major that they wanted the college to offer," Che said.

Manny Castro, NMC's Registrar and director of Admissions and Records, said it is premature to assess the exact number of students expected to enroll in the new program. But, based on the number of previous associate degree graduates, he said probably more than 100 students can benefit in continuing to the new program.

Che said the business degree program currently has five faculty members and two more may possibly be hired.

Amanda Allen, NMC's director of Distance Learning, said the college did a survey on current students and alumni to gauge the interest in the degree. Out of 400 students, 90 were interested in starting right away and even more were interested in gradually getting into the program.

Waldo said classes have already been scheduled for students to start with. He expressed optimism in the possibility of adding more concentrations, like accounting, to other four-year degrees in the future.

Che said it is too premature to say what the college expects to offer next.

"We need to make sure we have a successful program with our business [degree], before we take the next big step," said Allen.

CPA cop's motion to drop charges placed under advisement

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona yesterday placed under advisement Commonwealth Ports Authority Police Officer II Floyd M. Mendiola's motion to dismiss the indictment or suppress all statements he gave to law enforcers.

After listening to the witnesses' testimonies and the counsels' arguments, Manglona placed the matter under advisement and said she will issue a written order.

Federal agents arrested Mendiola last May 27 after an indictment was filed charging him with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine or "ice" from Feb. 27 to March 2, 2013. He was released to a third-party custodian.

At yesterday's hearing, attorney Joseph Horey, counsel for Mendiola, called Mendiola and chief of ports police Juan Dela Cruz to the witness stand to support their motion.

To support the U.S. government's opposition to the motion, assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe called to the witness stand FBI special agent Joe McDoulett, Drug Enforcement Administration special agent Jacqueline Gordon, and DEA Task Force officer Jesse Stole.

In his declaration, Mendiola revealed that he was an informant for federal agents on promises that, among other things, he will avoid criminal liability.

Mendiola stated that he and a police officer went to the FBI office in Puerto Rico sometime in January 2014 at the officer's invitation that DEA agent Gordon wanted to talk to him. Mendiola said he met Gordon and an FBI agent at the FBI office.

Horey asserted that the indictment against Mendiola should be dismissed because the U.S. government breached its cooperation agreement with him.

In the alternataive, Horey argued that the court should suppress all statements Mendiola gave to law enforcement because he was not advised of his Miranda rights prior to questioning and that his statements were involuntarily made.

Horey said the totality of the circumstances in this case reveals a combination of promises (that Mendiola will "get out clean," avoid criminal liability, and save his job) and coercion (confrontation, accusations, threats of prosecution, and isolation from legal counsel) that is more than sufficient to overbear the will of a suspect and render his statements involuntary and inadmissible.

In the U.S. government's opposition, Backe argued that Mendiola was never "in custody" during any of his interviews, and so Miranda does not apply.

Second, Backe said, agents followed routine and case-law approved procedures for non-custodial interviews of suspects.

Finally, the prosecutor said, agents never promised, much less even insinuated, that Mendiola would "get off clean" or be able to save his job if he cooperated.

Backe noted that indeed, if there was a breach of an "agreement" in this case, it was committed by Mendiola, as it was he who revealed to others that he was working as an informant despite being told on more than one occasion that doing so would result in the immediate termination of his cooperation.

Tropical disturbance heading here

A tropical disturbance north of Chuuk is heading toward the Marianas.

According to the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the tropical disturbance was located near 9 degrees north and 152 degrees east at 1pm yesterday. This is about 600 miles southeast of Guam and Saipan and 120 miles north of Chuuk.

Satellite imagery shows a weakly defined center moving slowly toward the northwest and the Mariana Islands. While still poorly organized, the system has developed over the past 12 hours. Although it is still too early to tell whether this system will become a direct threat to the Marianas, the National Weather Service in Guam expects an increase in winds and heavy showers with isolated thunderstorms to begin sometime Saturday and continue into Sunday. The weather service will closely monitor this system over the next couple of days as it approaches and passes the islands.

The public is advised to stay informed on this developing weather situation. ***(PR)***

Do racial classification in prior cases have an impact on Article 12 itself?

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The third lecture in the Law In The Community Lecture Series raised the question of whether Article 12's racial classification in *Davis v Commonwealth* will have an impact on Article 12 itself.

Professor Rose Cuison-Villazor of the University of California at Davis School of Law discussed the *Davis v Commonwealth* case in her presentation on Tuesday at the American Memorial Park amphitheater.

In *Davis v Commonwealth,* the U.S. District Court for the NMI held that Article 18, which limits the right to vote on constitutional amendments to Article 12 to registered voters of Northern Marianas descent, violates the 14th and 15th Amendments to the U.S Constitution.

"In the case of a proposed amendment to Article 12 of this Constitution, the word "voters" shall be limited to eligible voters under Article 8 who are also persons of Northern Marianas descent as described in Article 12, Section 4," Villazor said.

Villazor also cited Public Law 17-40 that established an NMD Registry and created an official NMD identification card that "will be issued only to persons who are qualified pursuant to Article 12, Section 4."

Villazor said that in the case of *Davis*, the Article 12 ancestry test is an effective substitute or proxy for race because it excludes all persons whose ancestors are not Chamorro or Carolinian.

"In fairness, the drafters should not stand accused of injecting a racist ideology into a racially neutral concept," Villazor said, adding that NMD is not a political classification.

Villazor noted that the proposed amendment to Article 12, if passed, will violate the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution that also applies to the CNMI.

One noted area of the *Davis* case is that "exclusion of non-NMDs from voting on Article 12 risks perpetuating the sort of outdated and overbroad stereotypes about NMDs and non-NMDs that the Equal Protection Clause is designed to combat."

The Equal Protection Clause is part of the 14th Amendment to the U.S Constitution that provides that no state shall deny to any person within its jurisdiction "the equal protection of the laws."

"The voting restriction effectively expands the scope of Article 12's aim beyond what the Covenant allows," Villazor said.

She said the validity of Article 12 is uncertain under the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the *Rice versus Cayetano* case in 2000. In that case, the Supreme Court struck down a blood-quantum restriction law in the context of voting in a state election.

Villazor questioned whether the proposed amendment constitutes a racial category and therefore unconstitutional or a political one and is thus constitutional.

The presentation also brought up the question whether Article 12 should be abolished, kept, or amended.

This November, the CNMI ballot will include an initiative that would allow voters to decide whether to amend Article 12.

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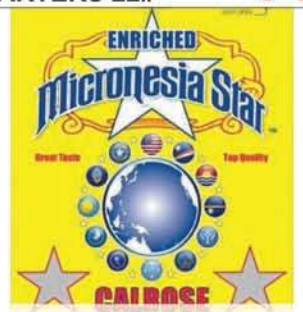

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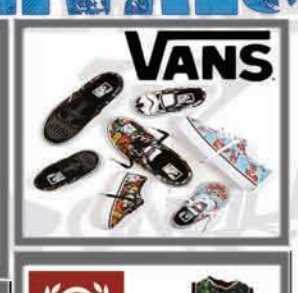

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Wanted fugitive Roland Muña falls

Police arrested yesterday Roland Hernandez Muña, a 25-year-old man hunted for allegedly eluding police officers who were about to serve him with an arrest warrant in connection with the burglary at Pretty Tours Car Rental in Garapan.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Travis Hurst said detectives captured Muña in the afternoon.

Hurst did not give other details about Muna's arrest but thanked the media for assisting DPS in disseminating the information about the suspect.

On Monday, NMI Crime Stoppers Program coordinator Jason Tarkong issued a statement seeking the public's help to find Muña.

Tarkong disclosed that on July 1, 2014, Pretty Tours Car Rental was burglarized and items were stolen, including an FJ Cruiser.

Tarkong said police investigation led to the identification of several suspects, including Muña.

On July 4, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio signed an arrest warrant for Muña on charges of burglary, theft, and theft of vehicle. Kim-Tenorio imposed a $50,000 cash bail.

Police officers managed to contact Muña on July 5 to serve the arrest warrant. Tarkong said the suspect, however, eluded and escaped police officers. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

New model forecasts for potential sea floodings in Guam, Palau

GUAM AND PALAU—Seawater overtopping roadways or flooding homes and businesses in low-lying communities can threaten public health and safety of Pacific islanders. A team of physical oceanographers working with the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System, or PacIOOS, has developed new tools to forecast potential inundation events so that affected communities can better prepare and respond to such threats days in advance. The forecast models are called the *PacIOOS Six-Day High Sea Level Forecasts*, and the most recent developments include Apra Harbor in Guam and Malakal in Palau.

"Along with a more accurate analysis of the tides, the PacIOOS Six-Day High Sea Level Forecast tool utilizes analyses of several kinds of non-tidal sea level variability that can add to the height of the tide to produce unexpected flooding in coastal areas in the absence of storms or tsunamis," explained Dr. Martin Guiles, PacIOOS Senior Physical Oceanographic Research Specialist and project lead. "The predictions include the influences of currents and eddies that evolve over days, as well as shorter period motions not included in tide-only forecasts." Guiles reiterates that the forecasts do not include predictions of tsunamis or storm surge flooding. In case of those events, the public is advised to seek advice from the National Weather Service.

Guiles and Dr. Doug Luther, PacIOOS co-investigator and Professor of Oceanography at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa, developed these forecasts in response to requests from ocean stakeholders in the PacIOOS region. Fishermen, divers, surfers, boaters, businesses, government agencies, and emergency responders all benefit from the increased prediction accuracy of sea level in areas where there may be an inundation and flooding threat. More informed citizens and agencies lead to better decisions and preparation.

To access the PacIOOS High Sea Level Forecasts, check out the PacIOOS website at www.pacioos.org.

The following link goes directly to the forecast for Apra Harbor in Guam:

■ http://pacioos.org/data_product/SLpred/Apra_forecast.php

The link for the Malakal, Palau forecast is:

■ http://pacioos.org/data_product/SLpred/Malakal_forecast.php 2

About PacIOOS

The Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System believes that sustained ocean observing can help save lives and resources of ocean users and decision-makers. PacIOOS relies on partnerships of data providers and users to enhance ocean observations and provide ocean data and information products designed to address the environmental, economic, and public safety needs of stakeholders who call the Pacific Islands home. Based within the School for Ocean and Earth Sciences and Technology at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa, PacIOOS is the Pacific Islands regional component of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System.

Six-day forecast for Apra Harbor

The yellow line is the time the forecast was created. The Dark Blue Curve is the observed sea level at Apra Harbor for the previous three days. The light Blue Curve indicates the forecast sea level at Apra Harbor for the next six days. The forecast is updated every hour. The red line at the top indicates the sea level height that is exceeded by 2 percent of the observed daily Higher High Waters based on a 19-year historical record (excluding tsunamis). As more information from local residents is provided, the significance of the red line as a benchmark for inundation will become more clearly defined. ***(PR)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 11, 2006

Liaison offices to close down

The Marianas Hawaii Liaison Office will be shut down at the end of this month, while a similar office in Guam is also in the process of closing. Press secretary Charles P. Reyes Jr. disclosed yesterday that the Hawaii Liaison Office would be closed on July 31, 2006. "We're still going to maintain the medical referral program, but the operations will be drastically scaled down," Reyes said. "The Guam liaison office is also in the process of shutting down." The closure of the CNMI's offisland offices comes in view of the government's cost-cutting efforts, according to Reyes. He said the administration hopes to save on rent and other expenses.

PSS to tighten belt on utility expenses

The Public School System will be tightening its utility consumption belt this coming school year after the Governor's Office moved to transfer to PSS the burden of paying for utility expenses of at least 20 public schools. The central government will still be giving PSS its $37.21 million budget based on the continuing resolution level, but it has put the system on notice that the Governor's Office will no longer shoulder the utility expenses of public schools. Because of this, PSS will be stricter now in shutting down power and water in all schools by 4pm starting next school term, according to PSS director of finance Richard Waldo.

July 11, 2007

CUC warning out vs tap water

Test results on water samples taken from the southern part of Saipan's public water system showed high levels of nitrate, prompting the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to issue a warning yesterday advising residents to refrain from giving the water to infants under six months old or to use it to make infant formula. CUC spokesperson Pamela Mathis said the public water system believes that these nitrate violations affect at least 5,000 customers in the southern part of Saipan. The tests were conducted by a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-certified laboratory in California.

Fitial: Law not needed on scholarship regs

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has vetoed a bill requiring scholarship agencies to provide businesses and government agencies with a list of scholarship recipients. The governor said he agrees with what the bill is trying to do, but legislation is not necessary. "I understand that the various scholarships and grants offered by different government agencies aim to educate our residents so they may serve the CNMI upon completion of their education, which in turn allows the CNMI as a whole to rely less on nonresident workers. Agreeably, the business sector and governmental agencies will benefit from a list prepared by the scholarship administrators of upcoming pool of workers.

July 11, 2008

'Aquaculture could save NMI'

The Commonwealth is poised to start a significant aquaculture industry with a host of proposals to spur its growth now in development, according to experts at a workshop held Thursday. Aquaculture is a multi-billion dollar business worldwide and proponents of it believe Saipan and the surrounding islands are an ideal location for the industry to take root because of the region's isolated location—key to safeguarding crops against diseases—and the high quality of the local seawater. The industry could give the Commonwealth a major boost during the current economic downturn, proponents say.

House OKs initiative for govt shutdown

The Commonwealth government will shut down if a budget is not passed by the beginning of the fiscal year, under a proposed constitutional amendment approved by the House of Representatives yesterday. By a unanimous vote, the House passed a legislative initiative removing a constitutional provision that currently allows government operations to continue even if an annual budget appropriation is not enacted. The initiative now heads to the Senate, where it must receive the approval of at least two thirds of the members. Once it passes the Senate, the initiative will be placed on the ballot in the next election.

Rebranding opportunity for the CNMI as 'Flower Islands'

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The Northern Marianas might have the opportunity to rebrand itself as a "flower island" if and only if the project pushes through and the required funding is made available to the Marianas Visitors Authority, according to MVA executive director Perry Tenorio.

Speaking at last week's MVA general membership meeting, Tenorio said the flower island project would initially target the main tourist destination areas on Saipan.

Junichi Inada, WIN Landscape Planning and Design managing director and a proposer of the flower island project, told the members present that the flower island project is the CNMI's way to prosperity.

Inada cited his project in Singapore when he was the landscape consultant for the Garden City, which changed the island country's outlook and made it more beautiful and inviting to visitors.

According to Inada, he was prompted to come up with a proposal for the project after a recent visit to Saipan during which he saw that many of the tourist sites lack beauty, composition, and attraction.

Inada said the flower island branding concept is a long-term project to rejuvenate and refresh the brand images of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota into that of a beautiful beach resort destination full of green trees and colorful flowers.

"This flower island project not only aims to rejuvenate the CNMI but also to create an opportunity to enhance landscape improvement into a wide variety of business opportunities," Inada said.

Flowers that Inada wants to use include Bougainvillea, Cordyline, hibiscus, orchids, and anthuriums.

Inada eyes seven zones on Saipan that could be used for the project: the "welcome zone" at the airport area, the east side called the eco-corridor, the west side called the flower corridor, Managaha Island as the paradise zone, the north side memorials as the flower garden zone, and Mt. Tapochau as the wild flower mountain zone.

The main highways leading to all major hotels on the east side of Saipan will be called the flower road and will be planted with numerous flowers, while the road to the airport will have a different flower style. The road leading to the island's upper areas will feature different flowers as well.

» Sports brand resonatHes with Asian markets

"This is an opportunity that if tourists come in from around the world, they can get lost in the nature and the beauty of the island," Inada said. "If we work together in this direction, we will be able to open new page and also realize our dream."

MVA board member Jerry Tan noted that Singapore is almost the same size as Guam and that whatever had been done in Singapore can be done here in the CNMI.

Tan said it is a great idea to retain the nature of the island and that he personally supports Inada's project.

Local businessman Del Benson raised concerns, however, that the CNMI doesn't really have a top organization like Singapore and that the entire CNMI has to buy into it if the project would ever go through.

Tenorio told Benson that the project was proposed three years ago but was tabled due to limited funding.

"Now with the recent increase in the hotel occupancy tax and the increased funding, we were able to accept the project," Tenorio said.

In related news, AVIAREPS Marketing Garden founder and chair Michael Merner said the "sports paradise image" is one branding that "really resonates with our Asian markets."

"Because they are not looking just for a pure, relaxation, beach vacation, they are also looking for a more active vacation and we have some great sports events here on the islands," Merner told *Saipan Tribune*.

Merner also said the CNMI offers many of the assets of a sports paradise for the Asian markets. "We have the assets and the islands are fit for the sports," he said.

As for the flower island rebranding project, Merner said that beautiful islands and nature have a "huge appeal," particularly in Japan and other Asian markets.

Merner said this will set the CNMI apart from other resorts in Asia that are more built up, concrete, and developed.

"Our unspoiled nature, amazing beaches, incredible waters, fantastic diving, and sports events—that is the kind of image we want to communicate with the Asian markets," Merner said.

According to him, the endgame for the projects is the continuing but stable growth of the tourism industry. "We don't want to grow so quickly where our visitor satisfaction slows," he said.

Mount Carmel OK'd to offer AP course in environmental science

Mount Carmel School announced this week that the College Board has approved a new Advanced Placement course in Environmental Science that the school will offer in the upcoming 2014-2015 school year. Open to juniors and seniors, the course will introduce students to the scientific principles, concepts, and methodologies required to understand the interrelationships of the natural world.

"We're very excited to offer this new course," said school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero. "Not only will this course prepare our students for the growing 'green' jobs sector of the economy, but it will reinforce the need for better stewardship of our environment as we face challenges such as energy dependency, pollution, and global warming."

According to the College Board, the new AP Environmental Science course is "is designed to be the equivalent of a one-semester, introductory college course in environmental science." The College Board also notes, "The course requires that students identify and analyze natural and human-made environmental problems, evaluate the relative risks associated with these problems, and examine alternative solutions for resolving or preventing them."

The new course will enhance the school's AP program, which was one of the first programs on island when the school introduced AP English and AP History in 1998. The AP program enables willing and academically prepared students to pursue college-level studies—with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both—while still in high school. Students who earn a qualifying score on an AP Exam are typically eligible to receive college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college.

Mount Carmel School high school students will be able to sign up for the new course and all other courses when the school holds its Scheduling Fair on Thursday, July 17. For more information about the school and its programs, call 234-6184 or visit www.mountcarmel-saipan.com. ***(MCS)***

2 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the Aqua Resort Hotel and Hafadai Beach Hotel beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

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Boehner vs Obama—a real courtroom drama or political stunt?

House Republican Speaker John Boehner says he's so upset about President Barack Obama's use of signing statements to challenge laws he and his GOP majority pass that he's planning to sue the president for overstepping his bounds.

His threat seems little more credible than that of the late Sen. Arlen Specter in 2006. A few years before he became a Democrat again, the then-Republican chairman of the Judiciary Committee said he was fixing to sue President George W. Bush after revelations that the president was using signing statements rather liberally.

Tying up the courts and spending untold amounts of the public's money on a case that wouldn't likely see any results until the next presidency, which could go to a Republican, wouldn't serve Boehner's immediate purpose of keeping up the sustained pressure on Obama. More likely, it is a stunt developed for the July news doldrums to keep the base energized until the November election and maybe throw a bone to the pro-impeachment crowd.

Besides, Boehner didn't seem to have much problem with signing statements by other presidents.

According to the Library of Congress, the use of signing statements began in earnest with President Ronald Reagan and has continued under every president since. George W. Bush issued the most—172. President Barack Obama used them too, though only about 30 so far.

No party likes the other side's use of signing statements, which are the notes that presidents attach to bills they sign indicating their displeasure with some or all parts of the law and suggesting that it will be a cold day in the underworld when he enforces those laws exactly the way Congress desires.

Democrats tried to stop the practice of undermining signing statements during the latter Bush presidency, though with legislation, not litigation. One such bill, House Resolution 264 by Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, griped that signing statements "encroach upon the power to make laws that the Framers vested solely in the Congress." Then-Sen. Obama criticized Bush's "clear abuse" of executive power.

At the time, Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, defended Bush, saying that signing statements are just the way of a president expressing himself.

One person's self-expression is another's abuse of constitutional powers—and vice versa.

In an opinion piece titled "Why we must now sue President Obama" posted on CNN.com over the weekend, Boehner wrote that Obama "has circumvented the American people and their elected representatives through executive action, changing and creating his own laws, and excusing himself from enforcing statutes he is sworn to uphold."

Like filibusters and recess appointments, outrage over signing statements by politicians lasts only until it is their turn to use them.

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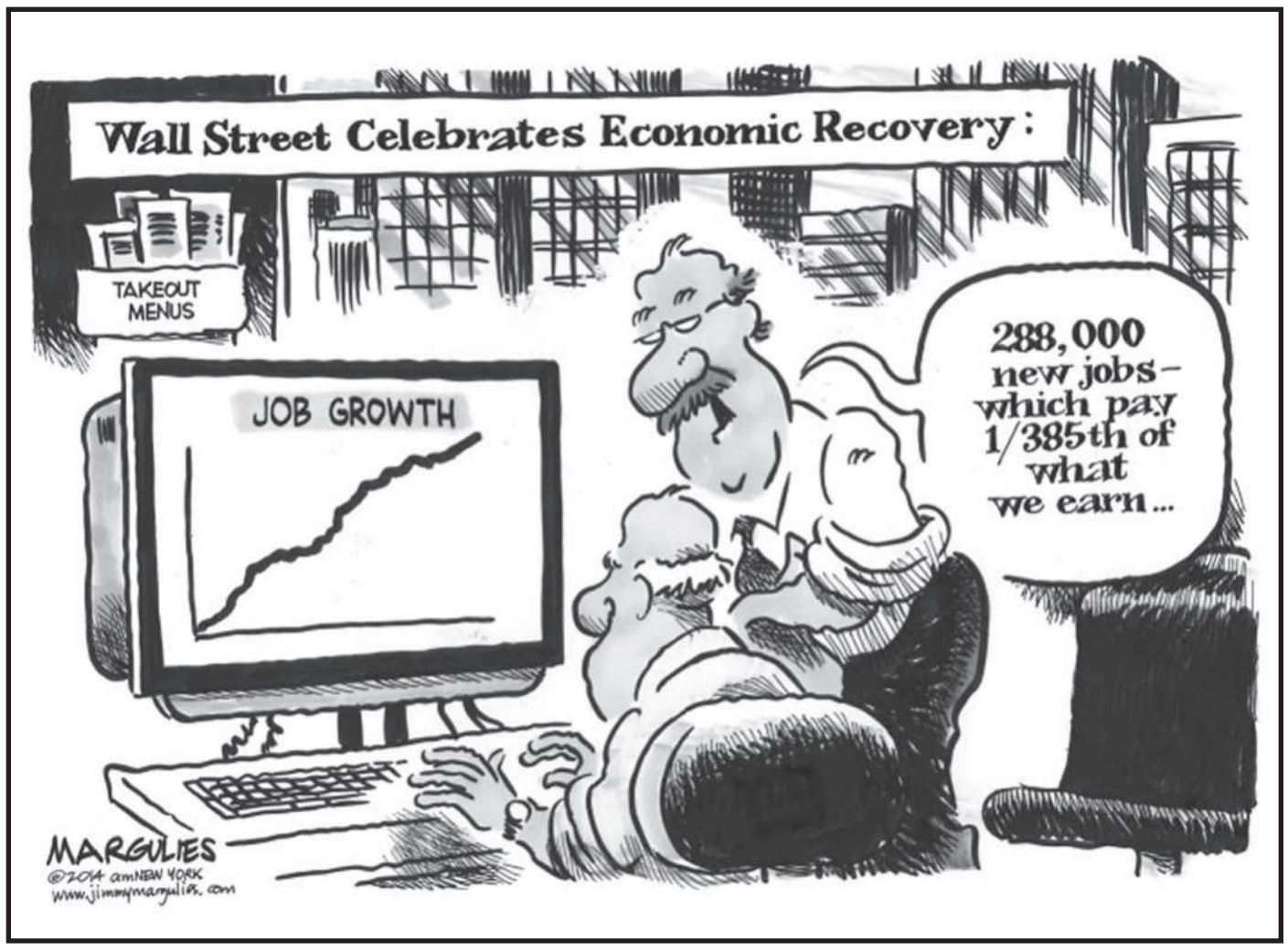

Consciousness and image

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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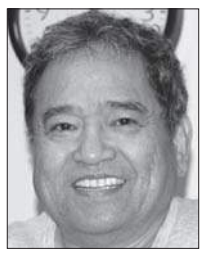

Kenneth Boulding in 1956 published *The Image: Knowledge in Life and Society,* which began a conversation that I later joined after drinking deeply of the "earthrise" picture of '68, deciding to be a citizen of the blue orb in the sky. My consciousness and an image merged into a story that determined behavior. Boulding's insight follows the following basic premise:

We operate out of images.
These images govern our behavior.
Images are created by messages.
Images can change.
Changed images create change behavior.

I mention these five points again to remind me of their relevance, still. It illuminates the behavior change that earthrise brought, just like a friend's pat speech. She says, "I only have three things to say: *reuse, reduce, recycle.*" From consciousness and image spin a lively story. Sometimes though, the effect is not too lively.

When I was in grade 11, I took a psychological test. A counselor briefed me on the result. Her message: *You are overachieving*. I did not exactly know what that meant but at the time, I was alarmed that if I continued the academic path I was in, I would turn cuckoo. Cuckoo was the image. I focused on sports, athletics, and social life instead after letting academic excellence fall by the hallway.

A friend received scholarship from a sponsor to attend a vocational high school. He consented but received a jesting message that his family did not consider him smart enough to attend liberal arts high school. It lingered so he nursed a deep slight past his adult life, blaming his family for subverting his academic direction.

An older friend did not resemble any of her four siblings, a bit darker and shorter. Her father joked that the day she was born at a Manila hospital during World War II, the electricity blacked out and she might have been inadvertently swapped with another baby, thus the dissimilarities. When she turned 40, the unintended cruelty of the joke came out in an emotional outburst that claimed her family never wanted her all along.

A good friend from the Philippines signified to her adviser after high school that she wanted to be a nurse. She felt she did not get a supportive response. So she shifted to pursue secretarial science. The adviser commented that she was not pretty enough to be a secretary and not smart enough to learn stenography. The adviser was not perceived to be jesting so my friend took her negative response to heart. Others rue today with the lament that she seems still trying to prove she is prettier and smarter than anyone else, or just as pretty and smart as the best of them.

The above examples are personal at the individual level of how messages create images that determine behavior. On a larger scale, the image that has defined us in the last 300 years as a specie is the way we are organized. We created nation-states, beginning with the breakdown of the imperial entity after the Vatican blessed Spain and Portugal's split of the known world, to the feudal states in Europe, and the colonies of competing empires.

After World War II the nation-states exploded in Asia and Africa but the former colonizers agreed that the new nation-states would follow the sovereign lines of their former masters. Spanish occupiers (and their successors) never subdued the Moro in Mindanao, yet they were included in the new political entity named after Spain's Principe Felipe. The same arrangement did not sit well with the Tutsi and the Hutu in Rwanda. The "nation-state" reels from that misjudgment!

There are now global issues that require global solutions and as Simon Anholt in his TED talk on the Good Country Index said, we elect leaders who we ask to lead by looking through "microscopes when they should be looking through telescopes." We know of global challenges but we are reluctant to jump into proposed practical global responses because we are reluctant to change as a specie. The reality of climate change, for instance, is not a Canada, China, or Chile issue; it is a worldwide issue that 7 billion people need to look at and decide how to deal with.

Politicians in the Commonwealth respond to issues as if political entities can operate as islands separate from the realities of one planet. The issue of a besieged planet does not recognize nation-state. Only the image of one blue orb without boundaries impact the story of our lives.

How to act in this instance, in our violent instincts, echoes Jean Anouilh's *Antigone*:

"*You grab the wheel,*
you right the ship ...
You shout an order,
and if one man refuses to obey,
you shoot straight into the mob. ...
The thing that drops when you shoot

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Edward Gorey and Ralph Steadman

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Visit Ed Stephens Jr. at EdStephensJr.com. His column runs every Friday.

Saipan has harbored some very creative people, but today we're going to leave the Pacific entirely to look at a two creative luminaries from the Atlantic side of the ledger. These are the illustrators Edward Gorey, an American, and Ralph Steadman, an Englishman. The two have no association with each other, at least that I'm aware of, but they'll share our attention in this space today.

So grab your zoris and your bowler, old chap; we'll go to England first.

Before we board the Atlantic-bound boat, here's a word from your kindly steward: I'm just a normal slob, not some sort of art critic. First of all, I don't know anything about art. Moreover, I'm not a critic in any realm, art or otherwise; I just like writing about stuff that I like, or at least that subset of it that I think you might like, too. So I'm just sharing some appreciation here, not offering an expert eye.

But you can eyeball this stuff yourself if so interested, since the works of both of these artists, often in book form, are easily available on the Web.

Now that we're en route to England, home of Ralph Steadman, I'll note that there's an American involved in this gig too, namely the late American writer Hunter S. Thompson, with whom Steadman collaborated.

One of my favorite Steadman works is a depiction of Hunter Thompson as a bat-winged animal skull flying over the desert. Thompson's trademark cigarette holder is clutched in the skull's teeth. This drawing is called "Spirit of Gonzo."

I don't want to push Steadman into Thompson's shadow; Steadman's work stands in its own limelight. But the collaboration is how many Americans, myself included, came to know of him.

In one of those fortuitous stories of great-talent-meets-great-talent, the two were a chance pairing for a magazine assignment in 1970 on the Kentucky Derby. Steadman also illustrated Thompson's 1971 book *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, a work that's certainly familiar to more than one Saipan resident.

I also ran across Steadman's art in more recent times, when I noticed the label on an American brand of beer called Flying Dog. There's no mistaking his unique style, so I bought the beer just because of the Steadman factor.

Mr. Steadman is still going strong and he's very prolific.

We'll now steer to the west side of the Atlantic, to Cape Cod, Mass., which was the home of illustrator Edward Gorey.

Gorey passed away in 2000, but his popularity abides among a very devoted fan base. And at the retail level, Gorey calendars and greeting cards seem to hit bookstore shelves every holiday season, at least in the bigger mainland stores.

Gorey's art is, like Steadman's, fantastic, as in "imaginative or fanciful." But Gorey gets his effect by taking the opposite path of Steadman's.

Steadman's art, or at least the stuff I've seen, has the wild spirit of "Gonzo," sort of a 1960s feel of almost psychedelic expansiveness. This is, after all, how you wind up with drawings of flying, bat-winged skulls that are smoking cigarettes.

But Gorey, by contrast, pulls you aground with a heavy blanket of gray and grinding Victorian gloom. Or maybe it's called Gothic. Well, something like that. Anyway, it's grim and shadowy and, more to the point, impishly creepy.

This might evoke notions of comic-book illustrations, but Gorey's style isn't cartoonish at all. His work has an intricate minimalism to it, which sounds like a weird combination of qualities, and it is weird, or, better stated, eccentric. Yeah, let's go with that: eccentric.

I have seen some light-hearted and charming Gorey art, but his best known stuff has a darker breed of charm.

Gorey's human figures are often pitiful in the extreme: threadbare waifs; dejected, woe-begotten adults; and doomed characters in macabre fairy tales that are like a mixture of Edgar Allen Poe and Dr. Seuss. It's Gorey's utterly deadpan delivery that makes his stuff so clever, self-mocking, and wry.

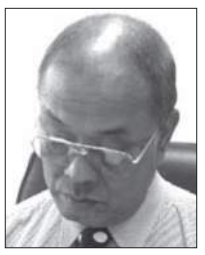
A good collection of Gorey material is the book *Amphigorey: Fifteen Books*, which lists for $15.25 at Amazon.

Well, this ends our trip to the Atlantic, so we'll steer back to Saipan now. I hope you enjoyed the voyage. Hopefully you got to see some territory that you hadn't seen before. That is, after all, the whole point of the trip.

Welcome to ParaDice!

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*



Beyond the noisy debate for or against casino a question keeps popping up in mind: Was this a design to lure investment in an industry we know nothing about? I have my own suspicion and it remains just that—a suspicion—and sooner than later we shall see maggots crawling out from underneath the carpet tattle telling who got into the fold of humiliating servility.

An interesting comment asserts, "Times have changed." Thus the lame excuse that it's time to bring in casino. We've decided to live it up with glitz and glamour, conquering the crown of lunacy and apathy during the first quarter of this century. Friends, the only thing that changed was leadership's sliding conveniently into mediocrity and incompetence over the last 36 years.

In other words, had leadership fulfilled its commitment to improving the livelihood of our people it would have put together fully thought-out socio-economic plans to move the needle of growth forward. But it never saw the need for such a plan. It's simple common sense that when you have a plan with a goal it follows that you equally establish objectives how to attain it. We never had a plan over the last four decades. Thus the grasshopper approach to problem solving over the more industrious ant. The financial crisis is shared by every former governor!

As such we've established the culture of ad hoc planning (instant soba) based on eventualities. It's a case of addressing the symptoms rather than the cause of the persistent fiscal crisis at home. For instance, we wanted a casino industry with fees that would return the 25-percent cut by Gov. Eulogio S. Inos sometime late last year. Would the $30 million cover future needs of retirees? This was never answered. It must be self-righteous for legislators who contributed to the demise of the Fund. It goes to show their tenuous hold of reality on this matter.

The elected elite wanted casino without delving into plans that resolves land for such facility and basic infrastructure like water, power, roads and sewer. There's another huge plan that requires the same need. Has the CNMI earmarked funds for this purpose? Wouldn't the building of this industry adversely affect immediate communities on water, power, and sewer? I see, so we hone another new patch-up job: advancing to the rear!

Prominent issues

Indeed, it's painful listening to fellow retirees present problems with health issues, giving up health insurance, sacrificing basic family needs, inability to pay high power bills, among others. It's a dire situation or a homerun against family pocketbooks. However, this forced condition must be given thorough ocular review to see how it evolved into "forced hardship" against the multitude.

It isn't the fault of retirees that they have to literally struggle to make ends meet. Last year, this administration simply decided to illegally cut pension pay by 25 percent because it is broke or bankrupt! Inos' decision confirms local government bankruptcy and so cutting retirees pay was his first illegal option.

In the process, Inos found political expediency in quick fixes like his casino law. He joins others who place the politics of their re-election first over the long-term interest of our people. Now we embark on a new Marianas anthem, *You Are My Sunshine*! We've been sold for 30 silvers! Are you satisfied how easily the elected elite trashes our voice when we said "no" twice?

The rollout of Obamacare here was given red carpet treatment by the Inos administration, ill-equipped to tell in advance how a 40-percent increase in health insurance would ruin family pocketbooks. Many (retirees and underemployed) had given up their policies when deductions were made, emptying the last pennies in their paychecks. Did Inos or Kilili ever seek exemption of the CNMI from this highly destructive federal health insurance policy? Never!

The high and derailing cost of power is another major issue that was never fully addressed nor resolved by this administration. Legislators who tried their hands went as far as New Zealand and came back with gastritis after eating some strange sandwich. That was the extent of their vacation at our expense. I'm sure CUC's Alan Fletcher would come out around October with a newly hatched energy program as the savior to reduce power rates for end users.

I say "nice try" but it's an issue that should have been addressed seven years ago. No worries, sir, for we also could discern desperate measures you can't hang your hat on.

The pile of fiscal and financial mess has spread like cancer. We only need to find out whether it's stage three or four. The debts have done nothing but impose excess baggage of hardship against our people while the elected elite cleverly sought sympathy as victims of their own failed design. Hmmm! Sleeping on the job, huh?

Is there hope ahead?

We now must cultivate the younger, academically and professionally equipped folks who have put their best foot forward to work on decent policies for the CNMI. Most incumbents have trashed our interest, placing theirs first! A few of them should be retained including Reps. Ray Tebuteb, Ralph Yumul, Janet Maratita, and Frank S. Dela Cruz. The rest we could leave as broken lawnmowers at the Marpi landfill. Oxidation should render a fruitful future for these folks as political dinosaurs!

Interesting the entry of young folks with college degrees under their belt. I've met some of them or have read their views in the newspapers. I thought hope was completely drained of its essence. But I found in the young candidates the resetting of buttons to do the thing right by doing it right. I'd be more than happy to work with these folks for a fee: Free! More so than ever before, I see the political maturational process taking its permanent seat right here at home!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Listen to John S. DelRosario

What Mr. Del Rosario has to say needs to be understood by every adult in the CNMI. I will debate his opinion on Obamacare and the insurance companies but agree 100 percent with his assessment that all of our politicians put together don't know enough about politics to fill a thimble. Ask your grandma what a thimble is, she knows. None can read, comprehend, or do simple math, unless something is wrong with their paycheck of course. I'm sure most are PSS graduates. This is election time. Anyone that straight votes a relative, a party, or anyone that can't give them a concrete, well thought out plan of action with real, achievable solutions to our problems does not deserve your vote. Period.

In the last gubernatorial election there were roughly 13,000 votes cast for governor. About 1,800 were absentee votes so 11,200 were cast within the CNMI. Since there are a little over 16,000 registered voters, that means that about 3,000 voters didn't cast a vote for anyone and since every candidate seems to be an NMD and are only interested in NMD votes, I think that 2014 just might be the year that the candidate with the most social media footprint, with the most modern and up-to-date Web page, and the candidate with the most realistic and honest platform that spells out in detail how to tackle a problem, just might get some of these 3,000 votes. Candidates will have to reach out to these almost "foreign" people, these half-Chamorro, half-Palauan, Pohnpean, haole, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and other voters. Holy cow, where the dickens did all these people come from? Well, you guys, and we know women have few real rights in the CNMI, so guys, these 3,000 to 4,000 potential voters, who you have never reached out to, didn't know existed, never gave a thought to or the time of day to in the last 36 years, could spell victory, or defeat for you in 2014.

The only candidate that has any footprint on the Internet at all is Babauta. Even his running mate doesn't have one. I suggest you get busy and get with the program. For all you technologically challenged candidates, just go to www.tinasablan.com for a sample webpage you should emulate, copy. It is 5 years old but it is really a well thought out site. The days of "please vote for me" might just be over and you might just have to have real plan this year. We, and there are about 4,000 of us, want to know your views on the issues, not your views on do you serve chicken or beef at your barbecues.

Gary DuBrall
Chalan Piao, Saipan

The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲89° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲85° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲87° ▼79°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲80	▼78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲59	▼57
Beijing	Sunny	▲94	▼70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲86	▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼75
London	Showers	▲71	▼59
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲82	▼63
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89	▼76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲57	▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86	▼79
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼67
Osaka	Showers	▲86	▼70
Paris	Showers	▲71	▼58
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼72
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼65
Salem	Sunny	▲89	▼58
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼56
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Tokyo	Showers	▲91	▼73
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼70

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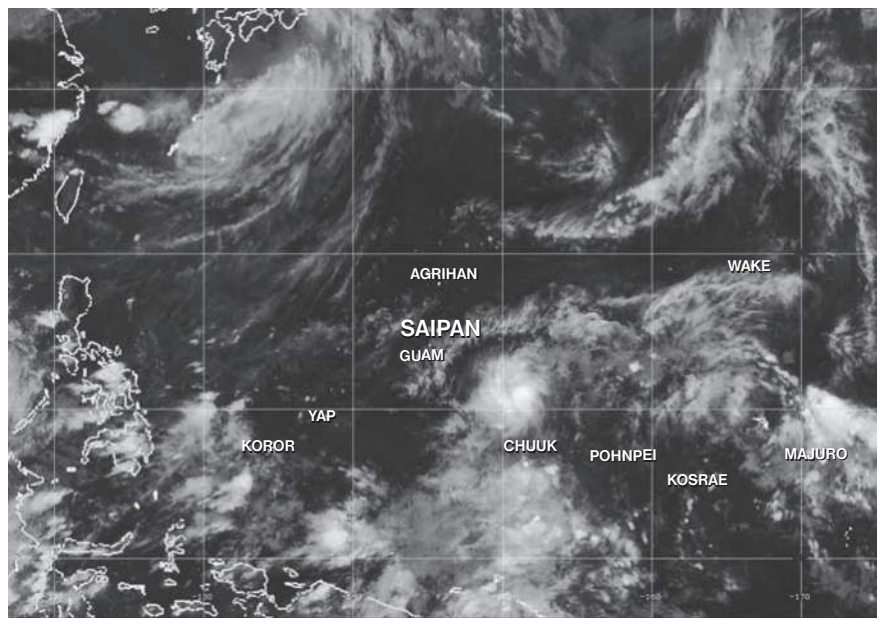

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A trough extends from 7N130E to 5N136E to a circulation north of Chuuk at 9N153E and then north to 12N153E to a weak circulation at 12N162E. A few thunderstorms lie within 150 miles of the circulation north of Chuuk. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms lie along the trough east of 153E and west of 136E south of the trough. Convergent winds are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of 4N between 152E to 155E. A trade wind surge is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 180 miles of a line from 12N165E to 7N176E. Tail end of a cold front extends southwestward from 25N160E to 22N15E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms lie within 100 miles.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:08 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
6:25 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
1:50 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.5 Feet
8:49 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Saturday	5:54 AM	6:52 PM
Sunday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:33 PM	4:17 AM
Saturday	6:33 PM	5:19 AM
Sunday	7:30 PM	6:23 AM
Monday	8:24 PM	7:26 AM
Tuesday	9:14 PM	8:29 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	9:50pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
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UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
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UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
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D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
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OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

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UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
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UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A disgrace to our society

Retirees are usually thought of as some of the most revered citizens in our societies but that is not the case with some retirees in the CNMI. Instead of being the excellent examples of civic virtue, we have a lot of retirees behaving like organize gang members, thugs, and hoodlums. The sad part for me is that I have taught some of their children and I'm sure their child's character is far superior to their parents, thank God! God has placed it in my heart to fight this fight for the people and I'm just glad I have the experience of the civil rights movement or I wouldn't have the stomach or will to deal with this mess because the days of the good-old-boys network control is coming to an end and I'm leading the charge! It is time for our youth to take over and show these old folks it's a new day!

Everyone who has followed this issue knows the governor and the Legislature are not playing fair. We are supposed to be a nation of principles, values and laws, which is what makes America so great, not the people as there are good and bad people in every society but every society does not live by the same rules we live by in America. So the rationale of "pressing times" by the governor and Legislature does not justify the means of trashing our principles and circumventing our laws on purpose, especially when common sense is telling us it is about the election and votes. The protesting retirees don't seem to understand that if we let the governor and Legislature trash our principles and laws now, we will have given them permission to become tyrants whenever they want to use the "pressing time" rationale. Retirees are supposed to set good examples that display wisdom, not bad ones that show how ugly you can be! See how the governor has you acting. Please wake up!

We (all retirees) have gone without our 25 percent for almost a year now and it would not hurt to wait until November to do this the right way. Retirees also need to be more open-minded about other solutions, especially when it has the potential for hundreds of millions in the first year! Most retirees have smoked pot and many of them still smoke pot. I even asked a group of retirees at the Legislature how many of them had smoked pot and all but two raised their hands and one of the two had smoked when he was a teen. I'm also sure most citizens have some kind of relationship with people who smoke pot and pot can be found and purchased in any village in the CNMI. So what is so darn wrong with us controlling it and turning it into a billion dollar industry for the CNMI?

Retirees should be leading the charge to legalize-it, not acting like a gang trying to collect a measly 30 million for yourself when you could be doing something to help us all! Retirees, please stop being a disgrace to your children and to our society protesting for a casino as your only hope, especially when you go to Mass on Sunday knowing the church is against a casino. Are you a hypocrite or what has the governor turned you into? We must all pray for these retirees who boldly follow the wrong person in the wrong direction! Anybody but Inos and we will be much better off with a cured democracy as a united society of America!

Let's please try to be civil about this and not fight in the papers so please email me ambrosebennett@yahoo.com if you have a question or if you are interested in helping the CNMI to Legalize-it as I will be presenting this matter to the Legislature to become law!

Ambrose M Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

CONSCIOUSNESS

From Page 10

may be someone who poured you a drink
the night before; but it has no name.
And you, braced at the wheel,
you have no name, either.
Nothing has a name —
except the ship, and the storm."

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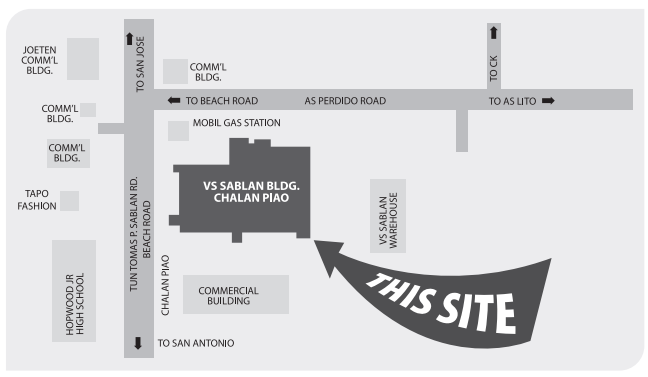

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Expert: Man was insane when he killed tourists

By GRACE GARCES BORDALLO
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AP
Chad DeSoto, right, at the Superior Court of Guam in Hagatna, Guam, on Monday, June 16, 2014.

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—The final defense witness in the murder trial of a man charged with killing three Japanese tourists in a Guam resort area testified that the defendant was insane during last year's rampage.

Chad Ryan DeSoto plunged into a downward spiral of psychotic depression after the loss of two anchors in his life: his grandfather who died and his girlfriend who lived in Utah, forensic psychiatrist Dr. Martin Blinder testified Wednesday.

DeSoto, 22, is charged with aggravated murder, accused of running a car onto a sidewalk, ramming into a convenience store, then getting out and stabbing bystanders. Kazuko Uehara, 81, and Rie Sugiyama, 29, were stabbed to death. Hitoshi Yokota, 51, was hit by a car and died in a hospital two days later. Another 11 people were hurt in the February 2013 attack.

"From a purely clinical perspective, there is no possible alternative explanation that I can come up with to explain why he did what he did except that he was operating, he was driven by a psychosis and this psychosis drove out the good parts of him—the parts that would know this is not acceptable," Blinder said. "He had no capacity to weigh these thoughts. His mind was no longer functioning like a normal person. His mind was functioning like an insane person."

Blinder said several times during his testimony that DeSoto is crazy.

DeSoto has pleaded not guilty by reason of mental illness. The defense rested its case after Blinder's testimony.

Prosecutors were expected to call five rebuttal witnesses Thursday.

The judge had yet to rule on a motion accusing DeSoto of witness tampering and obstruction of justice. Prosecutors said he inappropriately spoke with two witnesses from jail.

Guam woman killed when hit by car

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A 28-year-old pedestrian has been killed in Guam.

Pacific Daily News reports the victim has been identified as 28-year-old Turley Thomas.

She was struck by a car as she walked in the middle lane of Marine Corps Drive about 2:30am Wednesday. Authorities say she was flung about 130 feet after being hit by the car, and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police were interviewing a man who was driving the vehicle.

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Underground storage tank training and certification

The Federal Energy Policy Act enacted by Congress in 2005 mandates training for all underground storage tank system operators. There are two types of operators who must receive training: a primary operator (Class A/B) and an emergency response operator (Class C).

It is the responsibility of underground storage tank owners to designate a primary operator for each facility. The person designated as the primary operator should be an individual who is responsible for the day-to-day aspects of operating, maintaining, and recordkeeping, and has a general knowledge of underground storage tank compliance requirements. UST operators are required to obtain certification.

The certification training shall be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2014. Registration is required by July 1, with the cost of $150 per person in advance and $200 at the door. To register, call 866-301-8265 (US Pacific Time); email info@UST-training.com; or visit www.USTtraining.com.

The one-day training agenda shall include, but is not limited to, the following: Introduction UST Operator Certification overview, Basic UST Technology, Release Detection, Release Response, Spill Containment, Overfill Prevention, Corrosion Protection, and Required Paperwork relating to the Operation and Maintenance of USTs.

There is also an online training course available for Class A, Class B and Class C, for the Emergency Response operators.

After completing the one-day training, each participant can obtain his/her certification by passing a 20-question exam with a score of 80 percent or better. This certification shall be good for two years, unless the facility is not in compliance.

For more information about the in-person Training on July 29, call the DEQ at 664-8500 or send an email to jacoblizama@deq.gov.mp. ***(BECQ)***

Commerce to hold presentations on Economic Model

The CNMI Department of Commerce will be hosting a round of public presentations to advise the general public on the final development of the CNMI's Economic Model.

This presentation will provide information as to the development of the CNMI's Economic Model and its forecasted impact on various industries within the CNMI. The presentations will allow the general public to interact with contracted parties to gain a better understanding of the impact of the model, its usefulness in economic planning, and specific data elements relevant to model development.

The project, which was funded through a grant under the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, is concluding after an 18-month engagement.

The CNMI Department of Commerce will host the presentations on the following dates:

- Friday, July 10, 2014, at 6pm at the Multi-Purpose Center on Saipan
- Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at 6pm at the Rota Mayor's Office on Rota

Video-teleconference will be available at the NMC campus located on Tinian during the July 15, 2014, presentations.

For more information, contact Mark Rabauliman of the Registrar of Corporations at ta.elep@commerce.gov or call (670) 664-3002. ***(Office of the Governor)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Red Cross trainings schedule

The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter is scheduled to conduct Preparedness Health & Safety training on the following dates:

- Tues., June 15, at 6pm: Adult CPR/AED
- Tues., June 15, at 6pm: Adult First Aid/CPR/AED (session 1 of 2)
- Wed., June 16, at 6pm: First Aid

Classes are held at the chapter training room on Airport Road. Course fees apply. To register or for more information on other certification courses, contact the chapter office at 234-3459 or visit www.redcross.org/take-a-class. ***(ARC)***

Reunion meeting set

Descendants of Ramon Pangelinan and Ana Mendiola Family will be holding a Reunion Planning Meeting on Saturday, July 12, at 9am at the Minachom Åtdåo Pavilion in Susupe. For more information, contact Maria Pangelinan Blas (Valdez) at 235-7432 or 285-7444; or Gregorio Pangelinan Sablan (Dedang) at 237-6797 Ext. 6798 or 256-2369. ***(PR)***

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on July 24

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, July 24, 2014, starting at 5:30pm at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(CCA)***

CCA board meeting on July 22

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(CCA)***

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on July 13, from 6am to 9am, and July 18, from 9:30am to 1:30pm. The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. ***(PR)***

2014 CariPac Summer Internship Program

The Northern Marianas College – Cooperative Research and Extension Education Services is inviting incoming junior and senior high school students to apply for the 2014 CariPac Summer Internship Program on Saipan and Tinian. The program starts July 28 and ends on Aug. 22. The deadline for submitting applications is July 11, 2014, at 4:30pm. For more information call 237-6844 or 6855.

Applications can be picked up at the CREES Administrative Offices on Saipan and Tinian or downloaded from www.crees.org. ***(NMC)***

MHS Class of '89 reunion

Marianas High School Class of 1989 will be celebrating its 25th reunion with a family picnic and a dinner banquet. The family picnic will be at the Filcom Pavilion, Civic Center, on Saturday, July 12, 2014, starting at 10:30am. The dinner banquet will be on Saturday, July 19, 2014, at the Coral Ocean Point banquet room from 6pm to 10pm. The MHS Class of '89 25th Reunion Committee invites all Class of 1989 of Marianas High School and Mount Carmel School to celebrate its Swinging Silver '89 Jubilee Year. ***(PR)***

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Alfreda Camacho of the CNMI selected to attend ELDP Cohort

Over 100 applicants from the flagged territories and the Freely Associated States from the insular governments of the Pacific region submitted their applications into the Graduate School USA's Pacific Islands Training Initiative for a chance to represent their respective government through this highly recognized leadership training program. This one-year, intensive, specialized leadership training program further develops the participants' knowledge and skills as executives and how to strengthen one's career path to provide high quality services through strategic planning, thinking, and problem-solving within their governments.

Camacho

Alfreda Camacho of the CNMI is one of the 23 selected participants that will make up the 4th Executive Leadership Development Program.

A graduate with honors from Grace Christian Academy, Camacho completed and attained her business degrees in the areas of Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resources and Business Management from Portland State University in Portland, Oregon. She is currently selected as part of the inaugural Pacific Century Fellows-Marianas Chapter Class of 2014.

"I believe that it is important for me to develop a career in public service because I want to make a difference for a better CNMI. My goal is to be able to have a direct and positive impact on the lives of others through transparent leadership for the common good of every person living in the CNMI. This program will allow me to focus my efforts on tackling important issues and implementing solutions that improve the quality of life for the community that I serve. My hope is to contribute to the bigger cause of helping shape the future of the CNMI that will positively benefit our generations to come," said Camacho.

In his congratulatory letter to Camacho, Nikolao I. Pula, director for the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs stated: "The Executive Leadership Development Program applicants undergo a rigorous and competitive selection process. You and your fellow participants represent the best and brightest among the insular government professionals, and we welcome you to this fourth year of ELDP. The government projects and other assignments you bring with you represent a 'hands-on' approach to learning, and we look forward to the results of your efforts."

Camacho said: " I fully commit myself to completing this worthwhile leadership training program as I believe at the end of the day, the rewards of what I will embrace through the ELDP will benefit not just myself but my home, the CNMI. I still have so much more to give back. I made a promise to come back after furthering my education—and I have."

Camacho currently serves as the Acquisition, Program Oversight, Marketing Management coordinator for the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority under the Office of the Governor.

The ELDP is funded by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs and managed by the Graduate School USA's Pacific Islands Training Initiative.

For more information, visit the Pacific and Virgin Islands Training Initiatives Graduate School at http://eldp.pitiviti.org. ***(PR)***

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS PROJECT MANAGEMENT (CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES & QUALITY ASSURANCE) for the PUERTO RICO DUMP CLOSURE RFQ 14-GOV-124

Governor Eloy S. Inos, and Lieutenant Governor Jude Hofschneider through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified consultants to provide Project Management to include Construction Management (CM) and Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Services for the Closure of the Puerto Rico Dump(PRD) located at Puerto Rico, Saipan MP.

Procurement procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 (Local Preference Act) as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Project Construction Plans and the complete Scope of Work for the CM and CQA Services required is available at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (US $100.00) is required. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the CIP Office. There will be a pre-proposal conference at the Governor's Conference Room on Friday, July 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Questions regarding this RFQ must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, Project Manager to fax no. (670) 664-2408 or email to balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com no later than 4:00 p.m. ChST Thursday, July 17, 2014.

Statements of professional qualification from interested firms must address, and will be evaluated on the following criteria:

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B. Specialized experience and technical competence in the type of work required and previous experience with projects similar in scope - (25%)
C. Key personnel's professional qualifications, experience and availability for the proposed services; their professional integrity and competence; and their knowledge of the applicable regulations, policies and procedures regarding closures of landfills - (20%)
D. Past performance on similar projects, including cost control, ability to meet schedules, and quality of completed construction - (20%)
E. Current workload and demonstrated ability to perform the project Scope of Work - (15%)
F. Fee - (0%)

To qualify, firms must have a valid CNMI Business License, and be currently licensed to practice engineering in the CNMI. Firms shall also submit an estimate of CM fees based upon a 12-month project schedule. Fee estimates will assist the CIP Office for budgeting purposes, but will not be considered in firm evaluation scores.

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. Only professionally licensed firms with a valid CNMI business license will be considered.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The selected firm will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Qualifications statements must be sealed and marked "RFQ14-GOV-124 , Project Management (Construction Management and Construction Quality Assurance Services for the Puerto Rico Dump Closure". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the qualifications statement must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP, no later than 9:00 a.m. ChST, Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 9:00 a.m. ChST, Tuesday, August 5, 2014, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed qualifications statement must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Tuesday, August 5, 2014, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than Thursday, August 14, 2014 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

/s/Eloy S. Inos, Governor

/s/Herman S. Sablan, Director of Procurement & Supply

AS PART OF FEDS FEED FAMILIES CAMPAIGN

NBG donates to 2 nonprofit organizations in Guam

U.S. Naval Base Guam Chapel Sailors Lt. j.g. Jason Turner, right, and Religious Program Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Yegor Kasatkin, left, deliver donations to Maria Tenorio, Kamalen Karidat assistant manager, and Deacon Frank Tenorio, Kamalen Karidat general manager, in Hagatna on July 9. The donations were given by service members, federal employees and their families as part of the Feds Feed Families Campaign, which is a voluntary effort that collects nonperishable food items for distribution to local food banks.

U.S. NAVY/SHAINA MARIE SANTOS

SANTA RITA, Guam—Some 450 lbs of food and $3,000 was donated to local nonprofit organizations on July 9 as part of the Feds Feed Families campaign.

The deliveries were made to Kamalen Karidat and Catholic Social Services on behalf of service members, federal employees, and their families. The campaign is a voluntary effort that collects nonperishable food items for distribution to local food banks.

Lt. j.g. Jason Turner, U.S. Naval Base Guam chaplain, said the food drive is a great opportunity to give back to the island, and especially to those who need it most.

"The Feds Feed Families campaign is important because it affords the opportunity for our Sailors and civilians to participate in something that greatly benefits the community; a community that supports us year round," said Turner, who is leading the drive on NBG. "It is always an honor to respond to the rallying cry of such a noble and humanitarian cause as hunger prevention."

Deacon Frank Tenorio, general manager of Kamalen Karidat, accepted the donation and said he was grateful for the military's efforts to help people in need on Guam.

"I'm touched," Tenorio said after receiving the donation. "They come and help us without any condition—they just come and help us. They're doing it for the island."

The Feds Feed Families campaign was launched in June on Naval Base Guam and runs through Aug. 31. Drop boxes are located at the entrances to the NEX and Charles King Fitness Center, and by the exit at the Commissary and chapel on NBG. At the end of the campaign, another donation will be made to local food banks. ***(PR)***

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Business

Improper payments by federal government reach $100 billion

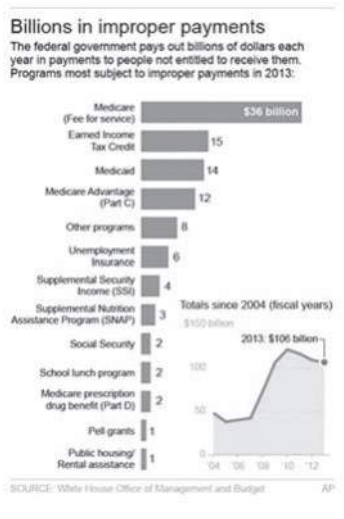
WASHINGTON (AP)—Tax credits for families that don't qualify. Medicare payments for treatments that might not be necessary. Unemployment benefits for people who are secretly working. Federal agencies reported making $100 billion in payments last year to people who may not have been entitled to receive them.

Congressional investigators say the figure could be even higher.

"The amounts here are absolutely staggering," said Rep. John Mica, R-Fla. "It's over $100 billion each of the last five years. That's a staggering half a trillion dollars in improper payments."

Mica chairs the House Oversight government operations subcommittee, which held a hearing on improper payments Wednesday.

Each year, federal agencies are required to estimate the amount of improper payments they issue. They include overpayments, underpayments, payments to the wrong recipient and payments that were made without proper documentation.



Some improper payments are the result of fraud, while others are unintentional, caused by clerical errors or mistakes in awarding benefits without proper verification.

In 2013, federal agencies made $97 billion in overpayments, according to agency estimates. Underpayments totaled $9 billion. That adds up to $106 billion in improper payments, or 3.5 percent of all the payments made by the federal government.

The Obama administration has reduced the amount of improper payments since they peaked at $121 billion in 2010. The administration has stepped up efforts to measure improper payments, identify the cause and develop plans to reduce them, said Beth Cobert, deputy director of the White House budget office.

Federal agencies recovered more than $22 billion in overpayments last year, she said.

"We have taken an aggressive approach to attacking waste, fraud and abuse within federal agencies, and we will continue to seek out new and innovative tools to help us in this fight," Cobert told the subcommittee.

However, a new report by the Government Accountability Office questions the accuracy of agency estimates, suggesting that the real tally could be higher. The GAO is the investigative arm of Congress.

"The federal government is unable to determine the full extent to which improper payments occur and reasonably assure that appropriate actions are taken to reduce them," Beryl H. Davis, director of financial management at the GAO, told the subcommittee.

Want contracts? Work harder, women's org. CEO says

NEW YORK (AP)—Pamela Prince-Eason isn't letting women business owners off the hook—if they want more contracts with big corporations or the government, they have to work harder to get them than they do now.

Prince-Eason

The CEO of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council, an organization that helps women-owned companies win those contracts, says it's not just corporations standing in women's way. These owners, even some of WBENC's members, need to be more aggressive.

"There are still many people who join our organization and say, now that I'm part of the network, that means so-and-so is just going to do business with me. That's just absolutely not so," Prince-Eason says.

WBENC was founded in 1997 to help women business owners get government and big corporate contracts. It was at a time when major corporations and the government didn't believe that women, like minorities, had a hard time getting such contracts, Prince-Eason says—whether because of a lack of relationships or because their companies were seen as too small or inexperienced. While there were groups and government programs to help minorities, women were on their own.

The organization's members include 12,000 women-owned businessses and nearly 300 corporations and government agencies. WBENC certifies businesses as being majority owned by women, or at least 51 percent, a credential big companies and the government are looking for. It provides training, mentoring and networking events, and also helps owners find companies to partner with on large contracts.

Women need to actively pursue networking and partnering if they want to work with big business and government, Prince-Eason says.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

More flights arriving late; complaints are rising

WASHINGTON (AP)—More flights on U.S. airlines are running late or getting canceled, and complaints are rising. The Transportation Department said Wednesday that 76.9 percent of flights arrived on time in May, down from 79.6 percent in April and 79.4 percent in May 2013. Hawaiian Airlines and Alaska Airlines, which get good weather on many routes, rank best. ExpressJet and Envoy, which fly smaller planes for big airlines, rank last. The government says the largest airlines canceled 1.9 percent of their U.S. flights in May, nearly double the rate in April and last May. The airline industry said bad weather was largely to blame.

Bank BNP Paribas pleads guilty to violating rules

NEW YORK (AP)—BNP Paribas, France's largest bank, pleaded guilty Wednesday to a federal charge of violating U.S. economic sanctions by processing transactions for clients in blacklisted countries, a development that a Manhattan judge said should show that no financial institution is "immune from the rule of law." The plea to conspiring to violate the International Emergency Powers Act and the Trading with the Enemy Act came a week after the bank agreed to forfeit roughly $8.9 billion as it pleaded guilty to charges in state court in New York City. The bank admitted processing billions of dollars in illegal transactions on behalf of clients in Sudan, Cuba and Iran as it violated U.S. trade sanctions imposed to block the participation of some countries in the global financial system.

Nation

First singing, then tragedy at camp

MANCHESTER, Md. (AP)—More than 100 young campers sang songs, read stories and prayed in an open-air pavilion, as they did each night at the River Valley Ranch camp. Then, the sky began to darken and a light rain began to fall.

AP
Downed tree limbs and fire line tape scatter the grounds at River Valley Ranch summer camp Wednesday, July 9, 2014, in Manchester, Md.

A supervisor at the Christian summer camp decided to cut the evening short Tuesday and, to be on the safe side, get the children to shelter 150 yards away. As the kids filed onto a wooded path toward one of the camp's main buildings, a storm that Camp Executive Director Jon Bisset said was "the most violent and localized" weather event he'd ever seen, rapidly formed over the hill.

It began with a black cloud, Bisset said his staff told him. A powerful, relentless wind tore through the area for only 30 seconds. Then came light rain and a rainbow.

By then, whole trees had been downed, eight children on the path were injured and one boy was killed.

In the wake of severe weather that swept through the East Coast, the camp community struggled Wednesday to recover from the "sickening and tragic" event, Bisset said. The path from the pavilion was littered with tree limbs and debris; one large tree beside the road was snapped in half, its trunk splintered. At the top of the path, the cabins were deserted, except for a few brightly colored towels still hanging off the edges of their porches.

Emergency workers took the injured children to four hospitals: Johns Hopkins and Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Carroll Hospital Center in Westminster, and Hanover Hospital in nearby Pennsylvania. Selena Brewer, a spokeswoman for Carroll Hospital Center, said five campers brought there were either treated and released or transferred to other hospitals. The eight children suffered mainly cuts and broken bones, Bisset said. A Hopkins spokeswoman said staff there treated three children for a variety of problems, including head injuries and bruises; one was admitted.

Authorities did not release the name of the 12-year-old boy, who was killed by a falling tree. He was one of 114 children, ages 7 to 12, who were in the camp's Arrowhead Woods and Fort Roller groups and who were at the pavilion. He had attended the camp previously.

ACROSS THE NATION

6 dead, 4 children, in suburban Houston shooting

SPRING, Texas (AP)—A father opened fire at a suburban Houston home Wednesday, killing four of his children as well as two adults who were with them, and critically wounding his 15-year-old daughter, authorities said. The teenager was able to call 911 and later warned deputies that her father planned to go to her grandparents' home to kill them, said Deputy Thomas Gilliland of the Harris County Sheriff's Office. The suspected gunman eventually surrendered after a three-hour standoff with deputies who had cornered him in a nearby cul-de-sac. Killed were two boys, ages 4 and 14; two girls, ages 7 and 9; a 39-year-old man; and a 33-year-old woman, said Deputy Thomas Gilliland of the Harris County Sheriff's Office. The gunman and his wife are estranged, and she lives out of state, Gilliland said. All of the children were theirs. Two of the dead children were adopted, he said.

Colorado completes 1st legal pot market study

DENVER (AP)—Colorado's pot regulators issued what is believed to be the world's first post-legalization market study for the weed on Wednesday. The study relied on sales data from Colorado's first three months of recreational marijuana sales, while previous pot market studies relied on survey responses because the drug is illegal. "This study finds total marijuana demand to be much larger than previously estimated," Colorado's study concluded. The study estimated that total market demand for marijuana in Colorado is about 130 metric tons a year. That's about 121 metric tons for residents and almost 9 metric tons a year for visitors. These figures include medical and recreational marijuana. Marijuana has an average market rate in Colorado of $220 per ounce, authors concluded.

In New Orleans, a 10-year sentence for Ray Nagin

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Ray Nagin was sentenced to 10 years in prison Wednesday for bribery, money laundering, fraud and tax violations stemming from his two terms as New Orleans' mayor from 2002-2010. Prosecutors had been pushing for a sentence in the neighborhood of 20 years for Nagin, convicted in February of 20 criminal counts. U.S. District Judge Helen Berrigan acknowledged the seriousness, including the betrayal of a city at a time when it most needed a strong and honest leader. But she also cast Nagin as something less than a kingpin. She noted that some of the businessmen involved in bribing him won millions of dollars in city business. Nagin is believed to have cleared only about a half million—in money, free trips, granite for a foundering family business—over his eight years.

Utah to appeal gay marriage ruling to high court

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Utah is going directly to the nation's highest court to challenge an appellate ruling that gay couples have a constitutional right to marry, the state attorney general's office announced Wednesday. If the U.S. Supreme court decides to take the case, it will be the first time the top court considers gay marriage since justices last year struck down part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act. "It is a milestone that when the Supreme Court reconvenes in October, there will be at least one (gay marriage) petition pending," said Jon Davidson, director of Lambda Legal, which pursues litigation on LGBT issues nationwide. The high court is under no obligation to the take the case, and it could wait for rulings from one or more of the five other appellate courts with gay marriage cases pending, legal scholars say.

Asia

ASIAN BRIEFS

Nepal teenager commits suicide after Brazil defeat

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—A teenager in eastern Nepal committed suicide after her favorite team Brazil lost badly to Germany in the World Cup semifinals, police said Thursday. Police said the 10th grade student was depressed and hanged herself from the ceiling on Wednesday morning in Bharaul village located 400 kilometers (250 miles) east of the capital Katmandu. The teenager was identified as Pragya Thapa. Her mother found her hanging from the ceiling in her room. She was living with her mother and grandparents while her father was abroad working. Police said they were investigating and the body had been sent for autopsy. Brazil lost 7-1 to Germany in the semifinal on Tuesday.

Both rivals claim victory in Indonesian election

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—The rival candidates in Indonesia's presidential election each claimed victory Wednesday, raising uncertainty about the political and legal landscape in a nation that made the transition from dictatorship to democracy less than two decades ago. According to the three most reputable quick-count surveys, soft-spoken Jakarta Gov. Joko Widodo won the election in Southeast Asia's largest economy with 52 percent of the vote, but his Suharto-era opponent, Prabowo Subianto, said other data indicated he had won. Widodo is the first candidate in an Indonesian direct presidential election with no connection to former dictator Suharto's 1966-1998 regime and its excesses.

N. Korea offers talks on Asian Games participation

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea on Thursday proposed talks on its plans to send athletes and cheerleaders to the Asian Games in South Korea. North Korea has said its participation in the Asian Games scheduled from Sept. 19 to Oct. 4 in the South Korean city of Incheon would promote reconciliation between the rivals. North Korea has also suggested other measures that it says would ease tension, such as ending mutual slandering between the two countries and the cancellation of regular South Korea-U.S. military drills that it calls an invasion rehearsal. South Korea has rejected the proposals saying the North must first take steps toward nuclear disarmament.

Tropical storm Neoguri hits Japan's main islands

TOKYO (AP)—A major storm dumped heavy rain on western Japan Thursday after sweeping through the southern islands of Okinawa, where it caused extensive flooding, knocked out power and injured at least 32 people. The storm also boosted rainfall levels in other parts of the country, leaving two people dead.

One of the biggest storms ever to hit Japan during the summer, tropical storm Neoguri reached the southernmost main island of Kyushu on Thursday morning, and was forecast to travel up the Pacific coast of Japan to major cities including Osaka, Kyoto and Tokyo.

Kyushu's Fukuoka prefecture issued warnings for strong winds, high tides and heavy rains, and advised people to stay indoors as much as possible.

Neoguri, which hit Okinawa on Tuesday at typhoon strength, was downgraded to a tropical storm Wednesday after losing strength. It toppled trees and flooded cars in Okinawa, which experienced its heaviest rainfall in a half century, according to the Okinawan government.

In central Japan, rainfall elevated by the storm caused floods and landslides, killing two people. In Fukushima, an 83-year-old man fell into a swollen river and died, while a landslide hit a town in Nagano prefecture, killing a 12-year-old boy, according to Japanese media reports.

The torrents of rainfall could trigger more landslides and floods, and much of eastern Japan was at risk of lightning and tornadoes.

On Okinawa, more than 105,000 homes lost power at the storm's peak. The Okinawan government raised the injury toll to 32 on Wednesday, say two were in serious condition.

AP

A road is submerged by an overflowed river following a typhoon in Yomitan, Okinawa, Wednesday, July 9, 2014.

Neoguri, which means "raccoon dog" in Korean, was packing sustained winds of 93 kilometers (58 miles) per hour on Thursday morning, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

UN: Afghan civilian death toll up 17 percent

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Insurgent suicide bombers and gunmen staged a deadly assault on government compounds Wednesday in southern Afghanistan, even as the U.N. warned that such fighting in populated areas was a major cause for a 17 percent uptick in the civilian death toll so far this year.

The worrying trend comes as the Taliban and other militants grow bolder with their attacks on Afghan security forces in the fight for control of key routes and other territory ahead of the withdrawal of U.S. and allied combat troops by the end of 2014.

Afghans have frequently been caught up in the violence, but the 85-page biannual U.N. report said that so far this year clashes, rockets and mortar strikes in populated areas killed more civilians than roadside bombs and suicide attacks.

"In 2014, we found that the fight is increasingly taking place in communities, in public places, near playgrounds, near the homes of ordinary Afghans, with death and injury particularly to women and children in a continued disturbing upward spiral," Georgette Gagnon, the human rights director for the U.N. mission in Afghanistan, said at a news conference.

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World

Israel steps up offensive

JERUSALEM (AP)—With rockets raining deep inside Israel, the military pummeled Palestinian targets Wednesday across the Gaza Strip and threatened a broad ground offensive, while the first diplomatic efforts to end two days of heavy fighting got underway.

Egypt, which has mediated before between Israel and the Hamas militant group, said it spoke to all sides about ending the violence. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry was in touch with Israel to try to lower tensions. And the United Nations chief warned of a "deteriorating situation ... which could quickly get beyond anyone's control."

As the Palestinian death toll rose to at least 75, neither side showed any sign of halting their heaviest fighting since an eight-day battle in late 2012.

Israel said it hit more than 300 targets and Hamas positions throughout Gaza, including rocket-launchers, weapons-storage sites and tunnels that it said the group uses to carry out attacks. The military said 74 rockets landed in Israel, including one that reached the northern city of Hadera, the deepest rocket strike ever from Gaza.

"Hamas will pay a heavy price for firing toward Israeli citizens," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said. "The operation will expand and continue until the fire toward our towns stops and quiet returns."

Israel began the offensive Tuesday in response to weeks of rocket launches, and officials said the airstrikes would continue until the firing stops. At least 20 civilians were among the at least 75 deaths reported by the Health Ministry in Gaza. There have been no serious casualties on the Israeli side.

Thousands of Israeli troops massed near the Gaza border, the possibility of a ground invasion grew larger—along with the risk of heavier casualties on both sides.

"Despite the fact it will be hard, complicated and costly, we will have to take over Gaza temporarily, for a few weeks, to cut off the strengthening of this terror army," Yuval Steinitz, Israel's intelligence minister, told Israel Radio. "If you ask my humble opinion, a significant operation like this is approaching."

The government has authorized the army to activate up to 40,000 reservists, and Israeli TV stations said about a quarter of those forces had been called up, signaling a decision on a ground invasion could still be days away.

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Brazil's World Cup dream turns to nightmare

SAO PAULO (AP)—It wasn't just a bad dream.

Brazilians woke up Wednesday to dreadful headlines describing the shame and humiliation of their soccer team's historic 7-1 defeat to Germany in a World Cup semifinal.

One of the country's leading soccer publications, Placar, stated simply: "A day to forget."

"It was the most shameful performance of all time," said Almir Rogelio, 32, who was looking at the doomsday headlines at a newsstand in central Sao Paulo. "I honestly woke up and didn't even want to remember what happened."

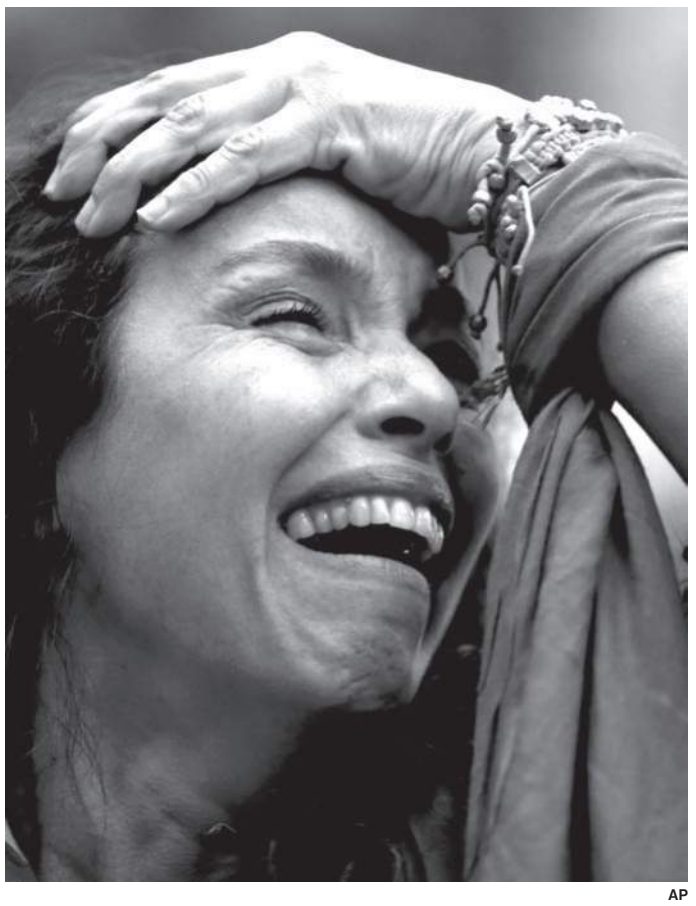
During Tuesday's slaughter, Germany scored faster than fans could fathom. Within minutes of kickoff, tears smudged children's faces, turning little cheeks to streaky messes of yellow and green face paint, the nation's colors.

Dreams of a sixth championship shattered in the first half hour of the game when Germany was already leading by a numbing 5-0. Many fans in the Belo Horizonte stadium left by halftime when it became clear Brazil was being routed at home. Some tore up their tickets and gave the thumbs down to TV cameras. In Sao Paulo, where thousands gathered to watch the match in the neighborhood of Vila Madalena, a man clung to a street pole and cried loudly, as another fan nearby banged his head against a bar table.

"It was a tragedy. Sad, very sad, the greatest defeat in all the history of the Brazilian national team," wrote Tostao, one of Brazil's forwards on its 1970 World Cup championship team and now a sports columnist for the Folha de S. Paulo newspaper.

Most heartbreaking for many Brazilians was suffering the country's worst Cup defeat in its own backyard, as it hosted the tournament for the first time in 64 years.

"It was embarrassing. They have some nerve with the Brazilian people. We deserved so much better," said Manuel Alves, 58, as he stood on a main business avenue in Sao Paulo. "The worst was all the money spent, having so many other problems that need to be fixed."



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A Brazil soccer fan cries as she watches Germany defeat her team in a World Cup semifinal match, via a live telecast in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Tuesday, July 8, 2014.

Iraqi leader accuses Kurds of hosting militants

BAGHDAD (AP)—The ethnic and sectarian tensions that threaten to tear Iraq apart flared Wednesday as the prime minister accused the Kurdish self-rule region of harboring the Sunni militants who have overrun much of the country, and 50 bodies were discovered dumped in a village south of Baghdad.

It was not clear who the men were or why they were killed, but such grisly scenes were common during the darkest days of the Iraq war, and the deaths raised fears of another round of sectarian bloodletting. Many of the victims were bound, blindfolded and shot in the head.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's allegations, made in his weekly televised address, are likely to worsen Baghdad's already thorny relationship with the Kurds, whose fighters have been battling the insurgents over the past month.

The accusations would also seem to dampen the prospect of reconciliation that the United States, the U.N. and even Iraq's top Shiite cleric say is necessary to bridge the country's ethnic and sectarian divisions and hold Iraq together.

The militant offensive spearheaded by the Islamic State extremist group has plunged Iraq into its worst crisis since the last U.S. troops left the country in 2011.

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Meetings of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday July 14, 2014 and Tuesday July 15, 2014 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, Saipan. The public is invited to attend. The following are the proposed agendas:

Monday July 14 Agenda

I. Meeting Called to Order
II. Determination of Quorum
III. Public Comment
IV. Adoption of Agenda
V. Adoption of Minutes
VI. Presentation by Consultants
VII. Executive Session (regarding consultant review)
VIII. Return to Public Session
IX. Adjournment

Tuesday July 15 Agenda

I. Meeting Called to Order
II. Determination of Quorum
III. Public Comment
IV. Adoption of Agenda
V. Executive Session – Legal Matters and Casino Application
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VII. Adjournment

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Off The Wall

Agave that will bloom only once finally begins to do so

DETROIT (AP)—A flowering process 80 years in the making is finally underway.

An American agave plant housed at the University of Michigan since 1934 started to bloom Tuesday afternoon.

The blooms so far are "low-key" with yellow anthers sticking out, Joe Mooney, a spokesman for Matthaei Botanical Gardens, said Wednesday. The anther is the part of the stamen where pollen is produced.

The agave began sprouting up at a pace of 6 inches a day in the spring and now stands at more than 27 feet—so tall that it juts out through an open space in the Ann Arbor conservatory's glass roof.

The variegated American agave (Agave americana) was collected in Mexico by famed ethno-botanist Alfred Whiting, who then was a University of Michigan graduate student. Known as the century plant because it blooms infrequently, it is native to Mexico and the American Southwest and typically lives 10 to 25 years in the wild before blooming a single time then dying.

AP

An American agave plant housed at the University of Michigan for 80 years, seen in a Wednesday, July 9, 2014 photo provided by the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, has begun flowering for the only time in its life cycle.

Now that the Michigan agave has begun to bloom, Matthaei horticulture manager Mike Palmer said he plans to reach out to his colleagues out West.

"I'm going to call the Desert Botanical Garden (in Phoenix) and ask for a firsthand description of what happens during the flower opening," Palmer said.

Mooney said it was difficult to predict how the flower will look in full bloom because the plant is so old and has lived its life in a conservatory rather than in a hot desert.

Once the agave completes the flowering process, it will take many months before it dies.

In the plant's final throes, it is expected to produce "pups," or genetic clones that look the same as the parent plant, from which Matthaei officials can propagate the species.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Cat in central Florida goes wild; owner calls 911

DELAND, Fla. (AP)—A 4-year-old Russian blue cat named Kush is being quarantined after apparently going berserk inside a central Florida home, prompting its owners to call 911. Police say the feline scratched owners Teresa and James Gregory on their arms and legs Saturday, causing the couple to retreat to a bedroom, where they called 911. The Daytona Beach News-Journal (http://bit.ly/1qUBOhY) reports Teresa Gregory told the dispatcher she had mistakenly stepped on the cat's tail earlier in the day and the cat went after her husband. They locked Kush in the bedroom for most of the day. When they finally opened the door, Kush wasn't happy. Kush was placed in quarantine for 10 days at a pet shelter. Officials say the owners can then take the cat back home, relinquish ownership or have it put down.

The lid's off: Judge accused of lying about fight

WATERLOO, N.Y. (AP)—An upstate New York judge has been indicted on nine charges related to a reported attack last summer that authorities now say he fabricated. The Seneca County District Attorney's office unsealed an indictment Monday charging acting Waterloo village judge Roger Barto with five felonies, including grand larceny and insurance fraud, and four misdemeanors. Barto told police he was hit on the head with a porcelain toilet tank top and choked as he was leaving the courtroom after an arraignment late last August. He's also accused of stealing gasoline that belonged to the village at Maple Grove Cemetery, where he also holds a paid position, and collecting more than $3,000 in medical benefits.

Naked Seattle intruder recites Scripture in home

SEATTLE (AP)—It was little comfort to the residents of a Seattle home along Lake Washington when the naked man who crashed through their front door began loudly reciting Scripture. Police say a woman in the home called 911 at about 2 a.m. Tuesday while her husband grabbed a baseball bat to protect his wife and two young children on the home's upper floor. Arriving officers spotted a naked man walking down the street, talking to himself. He took off running, they chased and caught him. Police say after they arrested the 20-year-old man for investigation of burglary, he told them he'd taken LSD. He was taken to Harborview Medical Center for treatment, then booked into jail.

Pennsylvania man's draft notice was 102 years late

KENNERDELL, Pa. (AP)—A Pennsylvania woman says her late father has received notice to register for the nation's military draft—some 102 years too late. Martha Weaver, now in her 80s, tells The (Oil City) Derrick that the Selective Service System notice arrived Saturday in Rockland Township, Venango County. That's about 60 miles north of Pittsburgh. Her father's name was Fred Minnick, though the notice misspelled the last name "Minick" and warns that failure to register is "punishable by a fine and imprisonment." Her father was born on June 12, 1894, which means he would have turned 18 in 1912. Weaver suspects the confusion was spawned by the incorrect birth date on the form, which lists the birth year as 1994. Minnick had died by then, on April 20, 1992.

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Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to swim and have an outgoing personality and the ability to motivate with enthusiasm. Proposed ideas or find ways to improve services, systems and/or procedures. Direct and lead activities for guests of all ages. Certified CPR, First Aid and Lifeguard. Must be able to work flexible schedule including holidays, weekends and nights.

Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. Minimum of six (6) years experience in hotel maintenance plus 2 years in supervisory level. Able to supervise, manage and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers and repairers. Good judgment, decision making skills, and time management skills. Prefer some technical courses. Must know how to read floor plan and electrical diagram. Valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Must be able to work flexible schedule including holidays, weekends and nights.

Electrician (3)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum of five (5) years work experience required. Provide access for future maintenance and avoid unreliable wiring, consistent with verification and electrical codes, and other related duties as assigned. Capable of reading schematic diagram, and electrical symbols, knowledgeable on industrial electricity, circuit breakers, switches and controls. Must to work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Landscaping Worker (1)
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 to 3 years previous work experience. Cultivates and cares for ornamental plants and installs floral displays indoor or outdoor settings through performance of any combination of following duties as directed by supervisory personnel. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

Sous Chef (2)
Qualifications: High school diploma; a graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. Must have at least four (4) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Supervising-chef assistant Supervises and coordinates activities of cooks and other workers engaged in preparing and cooking foodstuffs. Assumes responsibility for kitchen in absence of EXECUTIVE CHEF. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

International Cook (2)
Qualifications: High school diploma; graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. At least three (3) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Must be able to prepare, season, and cook a wide range of international dishes such as soups, meats, vegetables, salads, entrees, and desserts in the Resort. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Baker (1)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Some previous work-related skill, knowledge or experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Demi Chef (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent, or postsecondary instruction from vocational schools. Minimum of four (4) years work experience as a Demi-Chef preferably in hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Supervise and coordinates activities of kitchen operation and personnel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Cafeteria Attendant (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or GED certificate. Little or no previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is needed for these occupations. Must facilitate food service. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

A/C Refrigeration Mechanic/Technician (1)
Qualifications: Require post-secondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges that offer programs in air-conditioning and refrigeration or and associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or two (2) to four (4) years of experience. Able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Assistant Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. Minimum of six (6) years experience in hotel maintenance plus 2 years in supervisory level. Valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Preferably some technical courses. Must know how to use Excel and Microsoft Word. Must know how to read floor plan and electrical diagram and understand centralized air-conditioning system. Adheres to OSHA safety standards that are applicable for the safe performance of job. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Powerhouse Mechanic (Power Plant) (1)
Qualifications: Require postsecondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges, or and associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or 2 to 4 years of experience. Perform routine maintenance or make repairs to mechanical, electrical, or electronic equipment in power plants. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion, including weekends.

Pool Attendant (1)
Qualifications: High School graduate with at least two (2) years work experience as a Pool Attendant. Knowledgeable on some sports and in organizing group activities. Must be knowledgeable with the use of chemicals for the pool. Certified CPR, First Aid and Lifeguard. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion, including weekends.

General Maintenance Worker/Repairer (2)
Qualifications: Minimum of two (2) years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Income Auditor Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: A bachelor's degree in accounting or a related field. Minimum of five (5) years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Examine and analyze accounting records to determine financial status of establishment and prepare financial reports concerning operating procedures. Must also have experience with inventories to include, but not limited to F&B, Dry goods and Housekeeping cleaning and guest supplies. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion, including weekends.

Housekeeper (5)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum 6 months work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Tailor/Dressmaker (2)
Qualifications: Minimum of Three (3) years work experience as a dressmaker preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

Housekeeping Supervisor (4)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. A few months to one year of supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in the hotel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

IT Tech Support Manager (1)
Qualifications: Any combination of education and training equivalent to possession of a bachelor's degree in computer science, information engineering, computer associates or other related areas. Must have at least five (5) years working experience. Experience in all areas of local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, implementation, and user support. Experience installing and supporting Microsoft server technologies. Working knowledge of local and wide area networks (LAN/WAN), Internet, e-mail systems, telecommunications and data communications, standard operating systems, software packages, and software. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Night Auditor (1)
Qualifications: College Diploma or Equivalent certificate, in a hotel or resort. Must have at least two (2) years experience in hotel internal auditing. Must be willing to work flexible night duty/graveyard schedule, weekends, holidays and extended work hours. Understanding of business processes and work flow design. Strong financial analytical background and must be knowledgeable on Microsoft office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Also responsible in handling of company general funds. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, adapt to changes in work environment, work as assignments and/or changes in priorities.

Guest Relations Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree in hospitality or hotel management. One to four years or supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to make sure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience, while also ensuring the establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Assistant Manager, Room Reservation (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Minimum of two continuous years experience in reservations, at supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Responsible for the supervision of all activities pertaining to Reservations Department in order to achieve the highest possible occupancy levels for the purpose of maximizing room revenues and profit. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays and weekends.

Wait Staff (7)
Qualifications: High school diploma/GED preferred. At least 6 months serving experience required or 6 months current hosting experience. Restaurant and Beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Food and Beverage Supervisor (3)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent or training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree. Minimum two (2) years work experience as F&B supervisor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers engaged in preparing and serving. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights. Strong customer service skills and people oriented.

Guest Services Agent (3)
Qualifications: Must have minimum of 2 years work experience in providing quality customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for service and evaluation of customer satisfaction. Must be able to handle customer complaints with efficiency. High School diploma or GED certificate. Must be able to work variable schedule including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have multitasking skills, be detailed-oriented, and be able to solve problems in order to effectively deal with internal and external customers.

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Science & Technology

Providing free WiFi gets tricky for businesses

By RICK BARRETT
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

In Madison, Wis., where WiFi hot spots often are easier to find than a parking space, you wouldn't think that a cafe would turn off its wireless Internet connection.

But that's the case at Madison Sourdough cafe and bakery on Williamson St., where owner David Lehrentz has pulled the plug on WiFi Saturday and Sunday mornings because some customers occupied tables for hours while sipping a latte and surfing the Web—keeping others from getting a table for the cafe's brunch.

"It's a tricky thing because you want everyone to feel welcome, but at the same time people should be able to get a place to sit promptly when they come in to spend $50 for a meal for a family of four," Lehrentz said.

Wisconsin has thousands of WiFi hot spots at businesses from coffee shops to campgrounds, where anyone can get online with a laptop computer, tablet or other mobile device, often for free.

Worldwide, mobile data growth has boosted the number of hot spots into the millions, with Brazil alone adding about 500,000 wireless access points for the World Cup soccer tournament.

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Maggie Stremel, of Chicago, works from her laptop, June 26, 2014, while waitXing for the Amtrak to Chicago, at Stone Creek Coffee in Milwaukee, where they have a very liberal Wi-Fi policy.

As ubiquitous as free WiFi has become, though, many business owners still don't offer it, for a variety of reasons, including worries that it encourages some people to hang out at their location for the Internet access while not spending much money.

Time Warner Cable recently commissioned a survey that revealed gaps between the technologies that businesses knew would improve their customer experience, and what they were actually doing. The biggest gap was with WiFi, where 80 percent of the businesses surveyed said they believed their customers expected free Internet access—and that it was a top way to attract new customers—but only 43 percent offered it.

"We were surprised by the results of the survey," said Satya Parimi, a vice president with Time Warner Cable's division that provides communications services to businesses.

The Wi-Fi gap exists because businesses often are discouraged by the challenges of managing it, sometimes for technical reasons.

"They just don't want to take on situations where things could go wrong," Parimi said.

For its business customers, Time Warner Cable recently started offering a free WiFi access point installed and managed by the company. The access point comes with its own Internet connection to ensure that public use is kept separate from a business's private Internet traffic.

How businesses use the WiFi hot spot is up to them, according to Parimi.

"We are not looking to target the end customer directly. Our strategy is to equip the business to make that call," he said.

Some businesses use hot spots to send advertisements and electronic coupons to customers while they're hooked up to the wireless connection. They also use the technology to gather data about customers for marketing purposes.

"There's no such thing as a free lunch, so if you are getting a free service from someone, you're probably agreeing to something in return," said Thad Nation, executive director of Wired Wisconsin, a nonprofit group focused on telecommunications issues.

"For a large retailer, information is as valuable as anything else," Nation said. "Businesses wouldn't offer free WiFi if people didn't spend money there and keep coming back. They make sure you're comfortable and have electrical outlets because a happy customer is a repeat customer."

WiFi hot spots can ease boredom while waiting for a service, such as a dentist appointment, and sometimes they help keep customers at a business longer so they can spend more money.

Some of the growth in hot spot locations has been fueled by more people working in non-traditional settings, including freelance contractors who hang out at coffee shops with a laptop computer and mobile phone as their office tools.

If you can work like that, it might as well be in a place with good coffee and food, said Barry Orton, a telecommunications professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

You can only work from home for so long, Orton said, before you have to get dressed, get away from the dog, and step away from other domestic distractions.

TECH Q & A

Virus threat low for smart TV

By STEVE ALEXANDER
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QUESTION: I recently bought a smart TV. Can it get infected by a computer virus? If so, can it be protected against viruses?

ANSWER: There have not yet been any reports of computer virus attacks on smart TVs, although some experts believe that will eventually happen. As a result, there is not any antivirus software to protect smart TVs that have computer-like functions, such as streaming movies and TV shows via online services from Netflix, Hulu and others.

The belief that smart TV viruses will eventually emerge is based on the history of PC viruses. The reason that Windows PCs were frequently attacked by viruses and Apple Macintoshes were not is that there were vastly more PCs in use worldwide and they represented a bigger target.

But it's important to note that the type of virus predictions being made for smart TVs have previously been made for smartphones. While some smartphones using Google's Android operating system are vulnerable to viruses, no significant attacks have yet been reported.

Q: We use Google calendar, and sync (synchronize) the calendar events on my Windows 7 PC, my iPhone 4 and my wife's iPhone 5. How can we also sync the calendar on her iPad?

A: Once you've set up your wife's iPad to use the same Gmail account as the rest of your devices, the iPad's calendar will automatically sync with them.

Once the Google calendar is active on the iPad, you can adjust how often it updates (which affects how often you have to recharge the iPad's battery.) Go to Settings and choose "Mail, Contacts, Calendars." On the resulting menu, click on the arrow next to the heading "Fetch New Data." At the top of the next menu, you can click the button beside "Push" to make your calendar automatically update whenever possible. Otherwise, at the bottom of the menu, you can choose how often to have the calendar update itself. You can also choose not to use "Fetch," which will cause the calendar to update only when you use it. Opt out of Fetch by touching the arrow next to "Fetch New Data," then the arrow next to Gmail, then the word "Manual."

You also can choose how far back in time you want to sync the calendar (you can go back a few weeks or include every entry since you began using Google's calendar.) Go to the "Mail, Contacts, Calendars" menu and scroll down to "Calendars." By clicking the arrow next to "Sync," you can choose how far back to sync calendar events.

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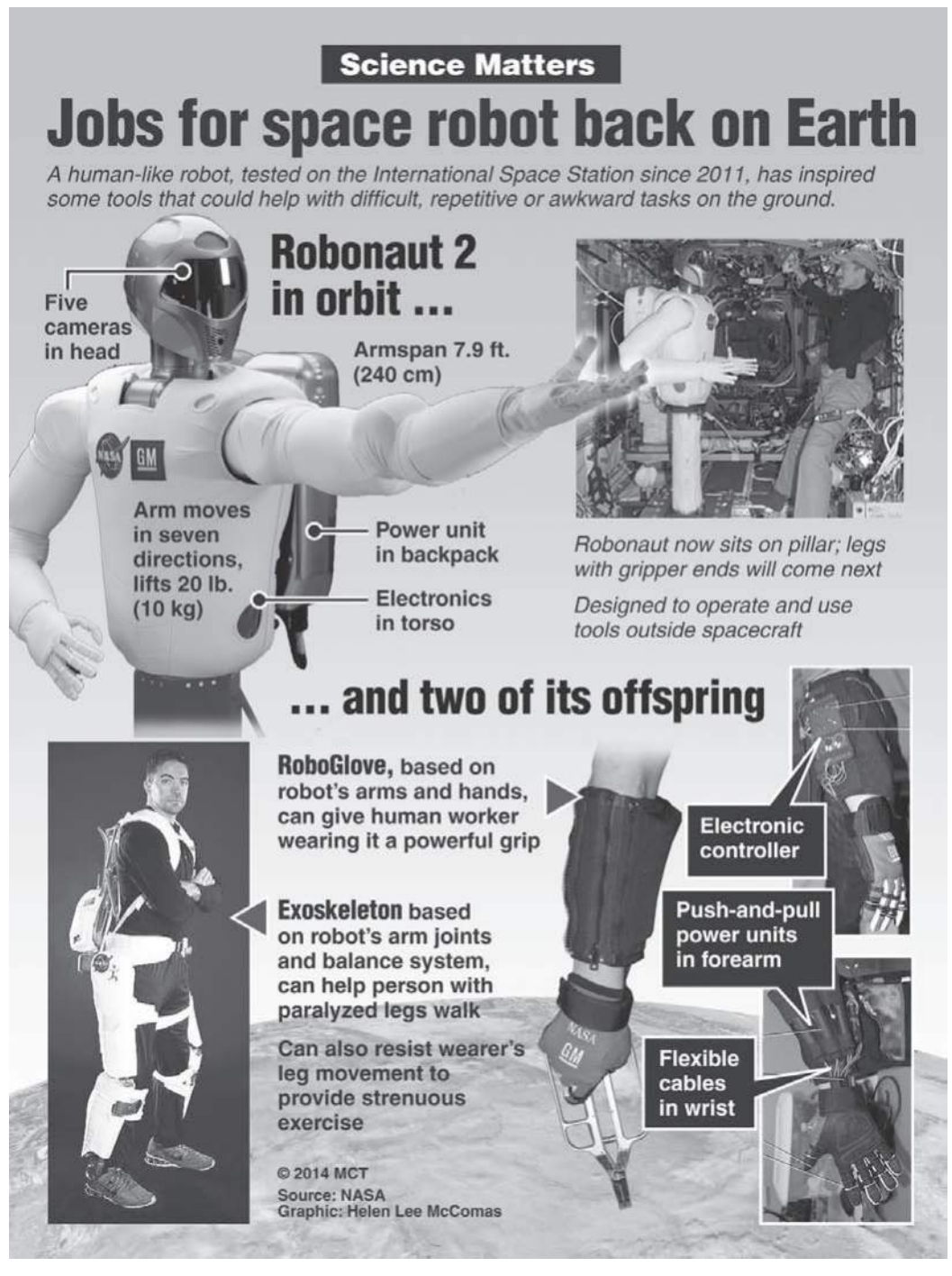
Science Matters
Jobs for space robot back on Earth
A human-like robot, tested on the International Space Station since 2011, has inspired some tools that could help with difficult, repetitive or awkward tasks on the ground.
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Robonaut now sits on pillar; legs with gripper ends will come next
Designed to operate and use tools outside spacecraft
... and two of its offspring
RoboGlove, based on robot's arms and hands, can give human worker wearing it a powerful grip
Exoskeleton based on robot's arm joints and balance system, can help person with paralyzed legs walk
Can also resist wearer's leg movement to provide strenuous exercise
Electronic controller
Push-and-pull power units in forearm
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Life & Style

Get them back: Where are Robin Thicke's fans?

This Aug. 1, 2013 file photo shows R&B singer-songwriter Robin Thicke in New York.

AP

Robin Thicke may be pleading to get his wife back, but he needs to work on getting his fans back, too.

The crooner's new album, "Paula," sold only 24,000 units in its debut week in the United States. That's a far cry from the "Blurred Lines" album, which sold 177,000 units when it debuted last July.

The Pharrell-produced "Blurred Lines" smash was the No. 1 song of 2013, selling 7 million tracks.

"In some ways Robin Thicke had an incredible year in 2013 ... but I think there can be a downside to that fame overload. You can be too famous, too big," Rolling Stone senior editor Simon Vozick-Levinson said Wednesday. "There was a backlash to `Blurred Lines,' and I think we're really seeing the aftermath of that backlash play out."

"Paula," which has had mixed reviews, was named after Thicke's estranged wife, actress Paula Patton. The 37-year-old is hoping to win her back with the album, which he's promoted with performances on morning TV programs and awards shows that have all led with reconciliation pleas.

Experts say his pleas may be turning off fans.

"Last year `Blurred Lines' walked a really careful line between making people dance and creeping them out; the way he sort of sang about pushing boundaries of women made a lot of people really uncomfortable," Vozick-Levinson said. "And I think unfortunately his new album has only made that impression worse."

In Canada, "Paula" only sold 550 copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan. That's in contrast to "Blurred Lines," which sold 13,000 units when it debuted last year.

"Paula" is a return to Thicke's R&B roots. It doesn't feature high-profile producers like Pharrell and Dr. Luke like "Blurred Lines," which veered into pop and electro-tinged territory, earning Grammy nominations and selling 730,000 units. But Thicke hasn't created a splash with his latest single, "Get Her Back," which debuted at No. 82 this week on the Hot 100 chart two months after its release.

Despite weak sales, "Paula" debuted at No. 9 on the Billboard 200 albums chart—just another sign of declining album sales in the music industry. M. Tye Comer, editor of Billboard.com, said he didn't expect the album to be a hit, but still thought the numbers were shocking.

"I was a little surprised that the numbers were so low, especially considering the fact that it hasn't been that long since `Blurred Lines,'" said Comer.

Representatives for Thicke and his label didn't respond to requests for an interview.

Pre-album buzz crashed last week when Thicke attempted to chat with fans about "Paula" via Twitter. VH1 hosted the Q&A, where fans angrily tweeted about "Blurred Lines" and accused Thicke of misogyny. It was a reminder that the controversy surrounding "Blurred Lines," including a lawsuit claiming the song stole from Marvin Gaye and Thicke's disastrous MTV Video Music Awards performance with Miley Cyrus, is still strong.

Thicke's 2003 debut album was unsuccessful, but his 2006 sophomore album, "The Evolution of Robin Thicke," marked his official breakthrough. He had signed with Pharrell, hit the top of the R&B charts with "Lost Without U" and opened on a tour for Beyonce—all helping the album sell 1.7 million copies. What followed were gold-selling efforts and mediocre R&B hits, until "Blurred Lines" helped him tap into a younger audience and reach international fame.

"I think it's hard for any artist of any caliber to come back after a song that was sort of that big and that ubiquitous," Comer said. "The tone of his new music and the subject matter is the complete antithesis of what `Blurred Lines' was."

Vozick-Levinson said Thicke is dealing with the repercussions of crossing over to the mainstream.

"Last year he kind of in some ways cashed that in and went for this mainstream, pop, Top 40 crossover, which worked for him in the short term, but there are long-term risks with doing that," he said. "You run the risk of alienating your first fan base or alternatively you run the risk of weirding out your new fan base when you go back to your more normal, typical sound." ***(AP)***

Sigourney Weaver reprises 'Alien' role

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Sigourney Weaver and the cast of "Alien" are virtually returning to the starship Nostromo.

The actress who portrayed unflappable officer Ellen Ripley in the "Alien" film franchise is reprising her role in "Alien: Isolation," an upcoming video game set after the events of the original 1979 film. Weaver, who recorded new dialogue for the game, says she picked up right where she left off as tough-as-nails Ripley in filmmaker Ridley Scott's sci-fi horror masterpiece.

"It was eerie how quickly it happened," Weaver told The Associated Press during a recent interview. "Honestly. I had to start with this sort of sign-off, `This is Lieutenant Ripley of the starship Nostromo.' You know, that paragraph. I felt like no time had passed. It was really strange, actually. If anything, it was more affecting to me to read it again 35 years later."

The bonus "Crew Expendable" and "Last Survivor" levels, which will be available to those who pre-order the game, will allow players to portray Nostromo crew members Ripley, Dallas (Tom Skerritt) or Parker (Yaphet Kotto) as they explore the doomed ship and coordinate their efforts with Lambert (Veronica Cartwright) and Ash (Ian Holm) to lure the menacing alien into the airlock.

Weaver

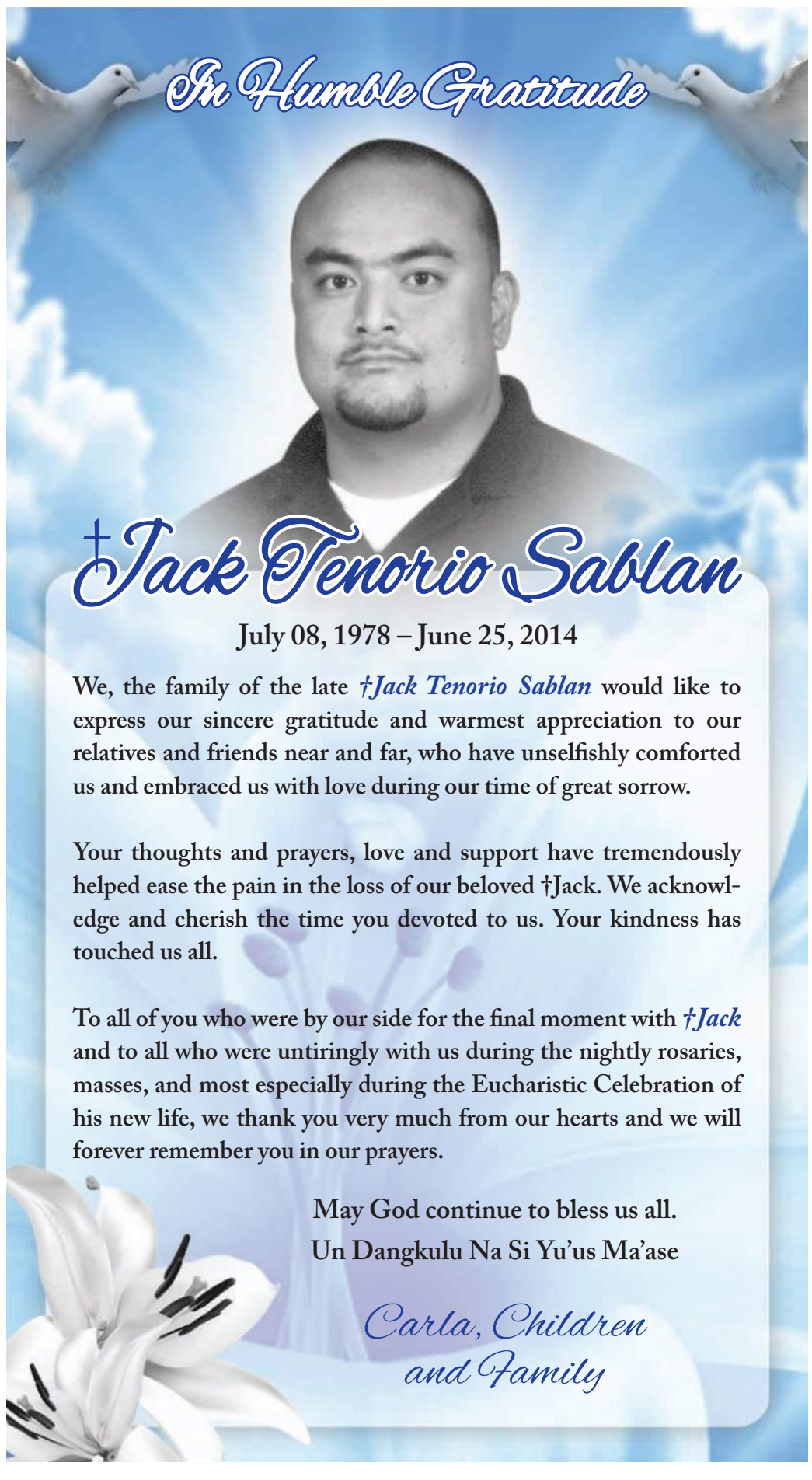
"We always hoped that somewhere down the line while working on this game that this reunion would happen," said Alistar Hope, the game's creative lead. "From working with Sigourney on the recordings, I really got a sense of how important this character is to her. The way that she worked on the lines and improvised unquestionably made them significantly better."

The central story of "Isolation" focuses on Ripley's daughter Amanda, who was briefly mentioned in a scene from the 1986 sequel "Aliens." In the game, created by British developer Creative Assembly, Amanda travels to a remote space station to find the Nostromo's flight recorder and encounters a creature similar to the one that terrorized her mother.

"I feel like they followed through," Weaver said of the game's plot. "Emotionally, what would Amanda want? She'd want to find her mother. She's drawn to the same line of work. There are a lot of things that were arresting to me. I have no idea what the game is like. I hope it's creepy and suspenseful and engaging in a way that other games are not—an experience."

"Isolation" follows a long line of games based on the "Alien franchise, but it's the only title that Weaver has signed on to participate in and marks the first time she's reprised the part since 1997's "Alien Resurrection," the fourth film in the series that ended with a clone of Ripley arriving on Earth. (The original Ripley sacrificed herself at the conclusion of 1992's "Aliens 3.")

"I thought it was an interesting idea," said Weaver. "The ones I turned down—I remember one of them, anyway—was shoot the alien, shoot the marine, shoot anything that didn't move. That didn't make any sense for my character. Ripley was more interested in protecting life than annihilating it. It just didn't make any sense for me to be part of that."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We, the family of the late †Jack Tenorio Sablan would like to express our sincere gratitude and warmest appreciation to our relatives and friends near and far, who have unselfishly comforted us and embraced us with love during our time of great sorrow.
Your thoughts and prayers, love and support have tremendously helped ease the pain in the loss of our beloved †Jack. We acknowledge and cherish the time you devoted to us. Your kindness has touched us all.
To all of you who were by our side for the final moment with †Jack and to all who were untiringly with us during the nightly rosaries, masses, and most especially during the Eucharistic Celebration of his new life, we thank you very much from our hearts and we will forever remember you in our prayers.
May God continue to bless us all.
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Carla, Children and Family

Justin Bieber pleads no contest in vandalism case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Justin Bieber must pay $80,900 in damages and serve two years on probation after pleading no contest Wednesday to a misdemeanor vandalism charge for throwing eggs at a neighbor's home.

Bieber also was ordered to complete five days of community labor and a 12-week anger-management program, and stay away from the victim and his family for two years.

The 20-year-old Grammy-nominated singer was not present for the arraignment at Superior Court in Van Nuys. Bieber's lawyer, Shawn Holley, entered the plea on his behalf.

A spokeswoman for Bieber said he's glad to have the matter resolved and behind him. She added that he will move forward and focus on his career and music.

A hearing to check on Bieber's progress toward completing his sentence was scheduled for Aug. 12.

Prosecutors spent months deciding whether to file charges after the January incident. They considered felony charges because the damage was said to be more than $400, the threshold for a felony.

Deputy District Attorney Alan Yochelson said Wednesday he was satisfied with the misdemeanor charge and called egg throwing an "extremely immature and a silly act."

AP

This May 11, 2014 file photo shows singer Justin Bieber, attending a Los Angeles Clippers game in Los Angeles.

The singer's Calabasas mansion was searched Jan. 14 and detectives later filed a search warrant to obtain images from Bieber's Instagram account to match them to surveillance footage taken from his home. A detective wrote that a person matching Bieber's description was seen high-fiving his friends after running toward a neighbor's home, but footage of the egg attack was not captured.

Bieber was not arrested during the search of his home, but his friend and personal manager Xavier Domonique Smith was charged with felony drug possession. Smith, an aspiring rapper who goes by the name Lil Za, pleaded no contest to felony possession of Ecstasy and was sentenced to probation and a drug treatment program.

Bieber has since moved from Calabasas into a Beverly Hills condominium.

The singer faces two other cases in Florida and Toronto. A Miami court has set a trial date this month for his DUI case, which also includes charges that he resisted arrest without violence and was driving with an expired license.

A preliminary toxicology report showed that the singer tested positive for marijuana and the anti-anxiety drug Xanax after his arrest, but no other illicit drugs were found in his system.

The singer turned himself in to Toronto authorities Jan. 29 on a charge that he assaulted a limo driver in late December. Another of Bieber's attorneys, Howard Weitzman, has said that Bieber is innocent in that case, which he described as being the equivalent of a misdemeanor case in the U.S.

Bieber gained stardom with his debut album at age 15 and his career has been guided by a pair of music industry heavyweights, singer Usher and manager Scooter Braun. He has been nominated for two Grammy Awards for his 2010 full-length album debut "My World 2.0," but his popularity has waned.

Vintage stars return for real-life 'Heartbreakers'

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Investigation Discovery is going to camp this summer. Campy TV, that is.

Departing from its usual true-crime reality fare, the network is unrolling "Heartbreakers," which brings back stars from the past in scripted melodramas that happen to be based on true life.

The trio of one-hour episodes is meant to be reminiscent of the prime-time soaps of the 1980s and `90s. The real-life stories resonate with passion, greed and betrayal, the network said Wednesday in announcing the series at the summer TV critics' tour.

The premiere episode, titled "Shot Through the Heart" and airing Aug. 13, stars Jack Wagner ("Melrose Place") as a priest on the prowl, Jamie Luner ("All My Children") as a troubled housewife and Rob Estes ("Melrose Place") as her jealous husband.

As in the subsequent "Heartbreakers" episodes, the star-studded action is framed with documentary-like interviews with the actual people being depicted.

Other stars include Judd Nelson ("The Breakfast Club"), Kevin Sorbo ("Hercules: The Legendary Journeys"), Nicole Eggert ("Baywatch"), Christopher Knight ("The Brady Bunch") and Tracey Gold ("Growing Pains").

John Wayne heirs sue university over the name Duke

DURHAM, North Carolina (AP)—John Wayne's heirs are taking Duke University to court to assert the family's right to market bottles of bourbon branded with the late movie star's nickname, Duke.

A federal lawsuit filed last week is the latest salvo in a long-running legal duel between the North Carolina university and California-based John Wayne Enterprises over commercial products featuring the name. The late actor used the moniker since childhood, when he adopted the name of the family dog.

Lawyers for the university say allowing the Wayne estate to use the name could cause confusion and "diminish, dilute and tarnish" the value of the name, for which both parties hold trademarks.

Messages seeking comment Wednesday from John Wayne Enterprises were not returned.

Tom Hollander recites rare Dylan Thomas ditty

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Tom Hollander treated television critics to an impromptu reading of a drinking ditty penned by Dylan Thomas.

The British actor pulled out his cellphone, where he had stored the ode to a pub, and recited the rhyming verses against a backdrop of the nighttime London skyline. Thomas, the Welsh poet, dashed off the "song" in pencil while seated at a London pub in 1951. It didn't come to light until decades later, and Hollander told the critics he thought it was the first time it was being heard in the U.S.

Hollander plays Thomas in "A Poet in New York," airing this fall on BBC America. Hollander appeared via satellite at the summer TV critics press tour on Wednesday.

Thomas was well-known for his love of drink. He died at the Chelsea Hotel in New York in 1953. "The best way to do drunk acting is to not act. You act sober," Hollander said. "What I got a sense of was Dylan Thomas was a man who didn't restrain himself."

To capture Thomas' bloated look, Hollander employed "a mixture of overeating on my part and judicious padding from the costume department."

"I tried to imagine discomfort everywhere," the "Pirates of the Caribbean" actor said. "He probably had hemorrhoids most of the time; he was horrible neglected physically."

Lifetime orders 'Clan of the Cave Bear' pilot

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Lifetime TV channel says it has ordered a drama pilot based on the best-selling works of the author of "The Clan of the Cave Bear."

Lifetime said Wednesday that the project's executive producers include filmmakers Ron Howard and Brian Grazer.

The pilot is titled "The Clan of the Cave Bear." That's the title of Jean M. Auel's first novel in her "Earth's Children" series.

Lifetime says the TV project is aimed at a potential 2015 launch.

A 1986 big-screen version of "The Clan of the Cave Bear" starred Daryl Hannah.

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Child still resents parents who skipped graduation

DEAR ABBY: When I was a child, my parents skipped my elementary school graduation. For that matter, everyone did. My grandfather had just died, so Mom was mourning his loss. Fast-forward a few years—nobody attended my junior high graduation, either. Granted, Mom had a couple of stitches in her nose because my brother had accidentally hit her with a golf club the week before.

Well, my younger siblings just graduated from elementary school, and my parents have again skipped the event due to their work schedules. A mix of emotions is resurfacing for me. I'm angry and frustrated. I'm 26 now, and a long time has passed since they disappointed me, but I guess I haven't ever truly forgiven them for missing those events. After all, these are once-in-a-lifetime milestones for a child, right?

Am I justified in feeling anger toward my parents for deciding to miss not only my graduations, but also those of my younger siblings? Should I talk to them or let it go? What can I do?

RELIVING IT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR RELIVING IT: How has your relationship with your parents been otherwise? If they have always been loving and supportive in other ways, then perhaps you shouldn't be so hard on them. When I was young, there were high school and college graduation ceremonies with cap, gown and diploma, but none for children leaving elementary school or junior high. At most, the event might be celebrated by going out for a family dinner.

Frankly, I think that multiple graduation ceremonies—while they may make cute photo-ops—dilute the importance of the one from high school. If you want to "do something," rather than vent your anger at your parents, it would be more constructive if you made a point of attending your siblings' graduations in the future.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm hoping you can resolve a disagreement between my wife and me. She insists on placing knives in the drying rack with the sharp ends pointing up. I insist this is a safety issue and the knives should be placed pointing down (or dried immediately). My wife counters that this will dull the points and that drying with a towel will dull the blades. I know it sounds trivial, but we argue about it every day. Can you help resolve our disagreement?

LOOKING FOR RESOLUTION

DEAR LOOKING: Please stop arguing. I think the solution would be for your wife to be the person who puts the knives away.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: After some extensive traveling, I have to ask—who on earth told people they look good in skinny jeans?

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Pastimes

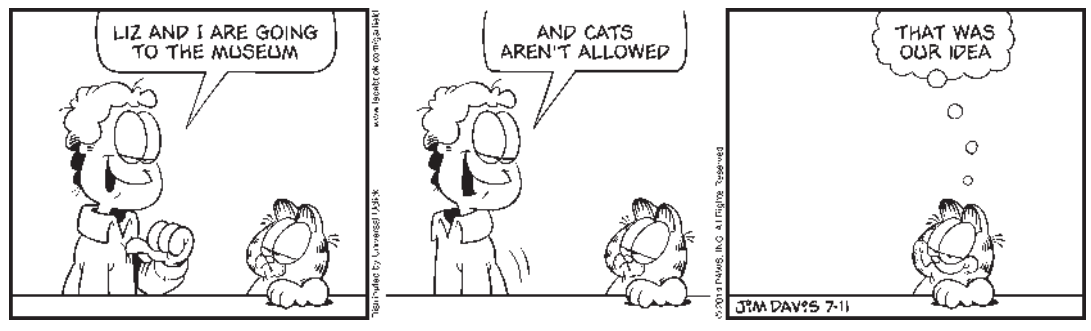
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

OK, NEXT WE'LL RACE TO THAT TREE OVER THERE.
THIS RACE WILL DETERMINE THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE UNIVERSE.
OH... WAIT. HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN OUT HERE?
I DUNNO. AN HOUR MAYBE.
REALLY? GEEZ, WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?! HANG ON, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
I'M NOT HAVING FUN!

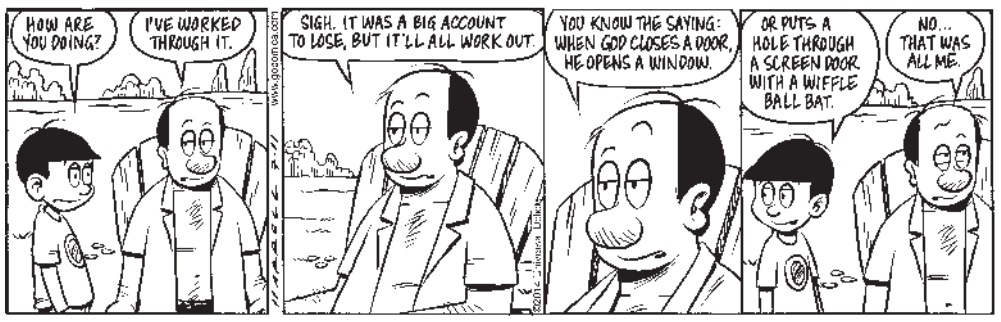
Garfield®

By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


HOW ARE YOU DOING?
I'VE WORKED THROUGH IT.
SIGH. IT WAS A BIG ACCOUNT TO LOSE, BUT IT'LL ALL WORK OUT.
YOU KNOW THE SAYING: WHEN GOD CLOSES A DOOR, HE OPENS A WINDOW.
OR PUTS A HOLE THROUGH A SCREEN DOOR WITH A WIFFLE BALL BAT.
NO... THAT WAS ALL ME.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Twangy
6 Nabokov heroine
9 Occupation
12 Island farewell
13 Calendar abbr.
14 Unlock, in verse
15 Hair-related
16 Singer aka Sasha Fierce
18 Old counter?
20 Twosome
21 Sailors' org.
23 "Mayday!"
24 Engages in banter
25 Diana who played Emma Peel
27 Rid of wool
29 Chicken serving
31 Rouses
35 Grates
37 Break suddenly
38 Like 60 percent of world population
41 Good name, slangily
43 Man-mouse link
44 Flash Gordon foe
45 Sickly gray-green
47 Daughter of 16-Across
49 New York island
52 Part of UNLV
53 Middling grade
54 Representative
55 Language suffix
56 Conclude
57 Delicious

DOWN
1 Siesta
2 Foreman foe
3 Sister of 16-Across
4 Single-minded captain
5 Logan and Spencer
6 Waylay
7 Accomplishes
8 Whatever amount
9 Dr. Salk
10 In the work mentioned (Abbr.)
11 Bar orders
17 La Scala shows
19 Expenses
21 Metro area, briefly
22 Round Table address
24 Mandible
26 Parking space
28 Art prop
30 — Diego
32 Maiden name of 16-Across
33 Listener
34 Hot tub
36 Appealed to God
38 Saunter
39 "The Da Vinci Code" monk
40 Occupied
42 Fold
45 Swedish man's name
46 Gymnast Korbut
48 Lemieux milieu
50 Passbook abbr.
51 Pigs' digs

Solution time: 25 mins.

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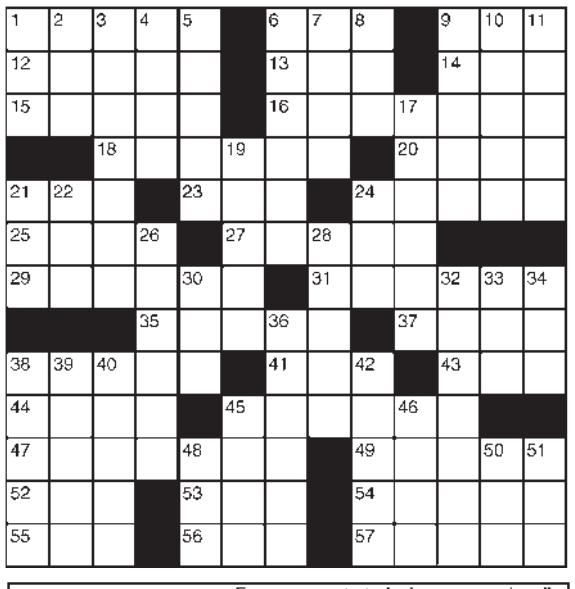

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Revealing how you feel will work against you. Hold any frustration or anger you are experiencing until you can put things in perspective. Making assumptions will only lead to trouble. Show restraint and offer compassion and understanding. Focus inward and make self-improvements. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): You can make positive changes at home. Add to your comfort and convenience or make a move that will help improve your financial position. Don't let work-related matters get you down or cause emotional stress. Create a stable environment. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't discuss money matters or you will raise issues that will make you look bad. Focus on what you can do to update your appearance or improve your skills. An interview or sending out your resume will lead to an interesting proposal. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Take care of your responsibilities and refuse to get caught up in other people's melodramas. Take the initiative to improve your position by doing the best you can. Don't let your productivity wane due to an emotional setback. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Look at the bright side of life and make whatever alterations you can to make your job, domestic situation and your relationships the best that they can be. Refuse to let someone who is disgruntled drag you into a debate. Put love first. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Get involved in events and activities that are familiar to you. You'll enjoy the certainty that comes along with feeling comfortable and in control. Keep your distance from unpredictable individuals or those asking for a handout. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Tension will mount if you fight the inevitable alterations going on around you. Take a step back and focus on the people and pastimes that you enjoy the most. Visit a place that makes you feel calm and relaxed. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Check out all your options, not just the most convenient ones. A change to the way you live will help you make a decision you've been laboring over. Use restraint when dealing with authority figures or anyone trying to start an argument. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Put more effort into your personal relationships and home environment. The less time you spend thinking about what you should have done in the past, the better. Let go of what you cannot change. The future is now. Strive for success. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Go over everything you do carefully. A mistake will be criticized and can cost you emotionally, physically or financially. Moderation will be necessary and discipline a must when it comes to temptation. Keep your emotions in check. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You've got Lady Luck on your side. Make your move and positive change will transform your life. Don't limit what you can do. Believe in yourself and your attributes and forge into the future with confidence. Romance will bring positive results. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Participate in events you believe in and offer your time and services to someone who has something you want in return. A problem at home must be handled diplomatically to avoid repercussions or a dent in your reputation. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You have high standards. You are determined, dedicated and unpredictable.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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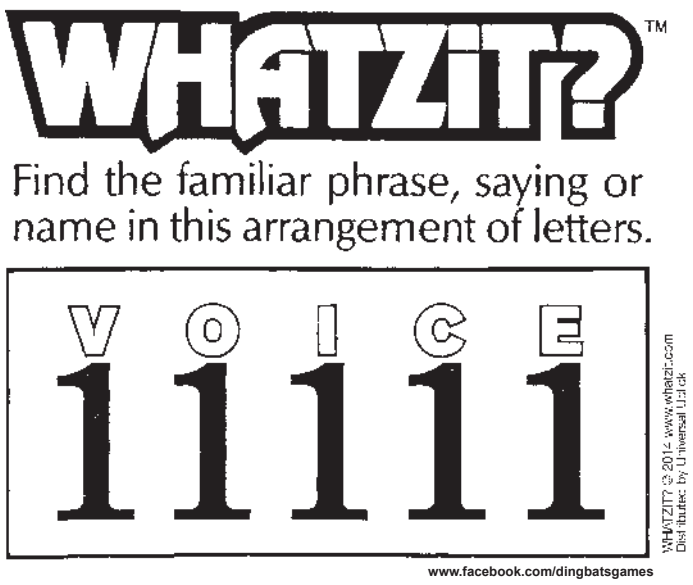

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Closing Date: Friday, August 01, 2014

Deputy Executive Director

RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITY OFFERED:

Reporting directly to CUC's Executive Director or designee, the Deputy Executive Director ("DED") fills a position required by the Stipulated Order ("SO") of the United States of America vs. the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, Civil Case No. CV 08-0051.

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Successful candidates for CUC's Deputy Executive Director must have the following:

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SALARY INFORMATION: Based on credentials and specialized experience as a water and wastewater utility senior manager (executive) in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia.

POSITION: One (1).

CONTRACT: Two-year; subject to renewal.

RELOCATION EXPENSES: If hired from outside the CNMI, relocation expenses are negotiable; but they are not to exceed $10,000.00 for moving to Saipan and not to exceed $5,000.00 for moving away from Saipan. Receipts will be required for justification. Other conditions may be applicable.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 14-033

Opening Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2014
Closing Date: Friday, August 01, 2014

Chief Financial Officer

RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITY OFFERED:

Reporting directly to CUC's Executive Director or designee, the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") works directly with the Deputy Executive Director ("DED"). The CFO fills a position required by the Stipulated Order ("SO") of the United States of America vs. the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, Civil Case No. CV 08-0051.

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Successful candidates for CUC's Chief Financial Officer must have the following:

- Education:
  - Bachelor's degree in accounting or financial management from a United States accredited institution or one with equivalent accreditation;
- Experience:
  - Ten (10) years of professional experience in governmental or financial accounting, including experience in a supervisory and/or management position.
- Certification and Licensing:
  - A Certified Public Accountant or Certified Management Accountant is desired.
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LOCATION: **Saipan,** Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

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Red Sox nip White Sox, snap losing skid

BOSTON (AP)—Daniel Nava doubled home the tying run in the ninth inning and scored on Brock Holt's single as Boston rallied from a four-run deficit to beat Chicago and snap a four-game losing streak.

Chris Sale pitched 7 2-3 innings of four-hit ball and left with a 4-0 lead in his bid to earn the final spot on the AL All-Star team. The winner of the online voting will be announced Thursday. Sale, an All-Star the past two seasons, walked none and struck out six before his bullpen cost him a chance to improve to 9-1.

Jake Petricka faced four batters in the eighth and failed to get an out. It was 4-3 by the time Javy Guerra (0-1) took over.

Koji Uehara (5-2), added to the All-Star team earlier in the day, earned the win.

Jose Abreu hit his 28th homer and Conor Gillaspie also connected for Chicago, which had won three straight.

The Red Sox had lost seven of their first eight games on the homestand.

AP

Boston Red Sox center fielder Jackie Bradley Jr. leaps to grab a deep fly by Chicago White Sox's Tyler Flowers in the second inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Wednesday, July 9, 2014.

Tigers 4, Dodgers 1

In Detroit, Max Scherzer pitched seven impressive innings, outdueling Zack Greinke and helping the shorthanded Detroit Tigers beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-1 on Wednesday.

Detroit was without sluggers Miguel Cabrera and Victor Martinez, but the AL Central-leading Tigers scored two runs in the first inning and Scherzer (11-3) made the lead hold up. The All-Star righthander allowed a run and four hits. He struck out seven and walked two.

Joba Chamberlain struck out two in the eighth, and Joe Nathan fanned two in a perfect ninth for his 18th save in 23 chances.

Nationals 6, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, Doug Fister allowed two runs over seven innings as Washington hit three solo homers in a victory over Baltimore.

Wilson Ramos, Ian Desmond and Jayson Werth connected for the Nationals, who took control early and cruised to the finish in this interleague matchup between first-place clubs located 40 miles apart on I-295.

Each team has won once in the rain-shortened, home-and-home showdown that concludes Thursday night. Washington has won eight of 10 overall and Baltimore is 7-2 in its last nine games.

Reds 4, Cubs 1

In Cincinnati, Alfredo Simon became the National League's first 12-game winner and Billy Hamilton added to his sensational series with a tiebreaking triple, leading Cincinnati over the trade-depleted Chicago Cubs.

The Reds won their fifth in a row—matching their season high—and moved a season-best seven games over .500. They'll try for their first five-game sweep since 1976 on Thursday.

Simon (12-3), left off the All-Star team, became the first Reds pitcher to win a dozen games before the break since Edinson Volquez also went 12-3 in the first half of 2008.

Mets 4, Braves 1

In New York, Dillon Gee pitched into the eighth inning after two months on the disabled list and Travis d'Arnaud hit a two-run homer as New York beat Atlanta for its first four-game winning streak in a year.

David Wright sparked the tiebreaking rally by hustling for a double, Kirk Nieuwenhuis put the Mets ahead with a sacrifice fly and d'Arnaud capped the three-run seventh with a shot to left off Ervin Santana (7-6).

Yankees 5, Indians 4, 14 inning

In Cleveland, Jacoby Ellsbury's two-out homer in the 14th inning sent New York to a victory over Cleveland.

Ellsbury hit his sixth home run of the season on an 0-2 pitch from Vinnie Pestano (0-1).

Chase Whitley (4-2) pitched two scoreless innings. David Robertson earned his 22nd save, retiring All-Star Michael Brantley on a long fly to left with a runner on second to end it.

Before the game, New York placed rookie sensation Masahiro Tanaka, who leads the majors with 12 wins, on the 15-day disabled list due to right elbow inflammation.

Angels 8, Blue Jays 7

In Anaheim, Albert Pujols hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the seventh inning and Kole Calhoun also connected to lead Los Angeles over Toronto.

The Blue Jays took a 7-6 lead in the sixth on Dioner Navarro's two-out RBI single against Fernando Salas. Pujols responded with a drive that hit the top of the center-field fence beyond the outstretched glove of Colby Rasmus and bounced over for his 20th homer of the season and 512th of his career, tying Ernie Banks and Eddie Mathews for 21st place all-time.

Diamondback 4, Marlins 3, 10 innings

In Phoenix, Paul Goldschmidt doubled in the last two of Arizona's three runs in the 10th inning, giving the Diamondbacks a comeback victory against Miami.

The Marlins took a 3-1 lead in the 10th on Donovan Solano's two-run double off winner Brad Ziegler (4-1).

Aaron Hill opened the Arizona 10th with a pinch-hit single off Steve Cishek (4-5). Ender Inciarte walked on four pitches, then David Peralta's RBI single cut the lead to 3-2.

Rockies 6, Padres 3

In Denver, Troy Tulowitzki hit two of Colorado's five home runs in a win over San Diego.

Drew Stubbs, Charlie Blackmon and Wilin Rosario also went deep for the Rockies, who won a home series for the first time since taking two of three from the Padres in May.

Stubbs broke an eighth-inning tie with a two-run shot off Joaquin Benoit (3-1), who had thrown 19 consecutive scoreless innings.

Royals 5, Rays 4

In St. Petersburgh, Salvador Perez hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the ninth inning to lift Kansas City over Tampa Bay.

Kirby Yates (0-1), the fifth Rays reliever, entered with runners at the corners and gave up Perez's one-out shot into the left-field corner. It's been a big week for Perez, chosen Sunday to start at catcher for the American League in next week's All-Star game.

Aaron Crow (4-1) pitched a scoreless eighth and Greg Holland got three outs for his 24th save. Eric Hosmer also homered for Kansas City.

The second-place Royals return home Thursday night to begin a four-game series against AL Central-leading Detroit, which has a 4 1/2-game lead.

Astros 8, Rangers 4

In Arlington, Robbie Grossman snapped an 0-for-28 slide with a career-high four hits as Houston climbed out of last place in the AL West, completing a three-game sweep with a victory over All-Star pitcher Yu Darvish and Texas.

Grossman and rookie George Springer homered for the Astros, who moved into fourth place by a percentage point over the slumping Rangers.

Springer also made an incredible running catch in the third inning. The center fielder leaped on the warning track, reached over his head and held onto the ball when he slammed into the wall.

Phillies 4, Brewers 1

In Milwaukee, Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley homered to support Roberto Hernandez's solid start as Philadelphia beat Milwaukee for its third straight win over the NL Central leaders.

Hernandez (4-8) needed just 84 pitches to get through eight innings against the aggressive Brewers, who have lost four in a row and eight of nine. Hernandez allowed three hits, and Jonathan Papelbon worked a perfect ninth for his 22nd save.

Rollins and Utley connected off Kyle Lohse (9-4), who retired 13 straight after Utley's first-inning solo shot.

Cardinals 5, Pirates 2

In St. Louis, Lance Lynn reached double figures in wins before the All-Star break for the third consecutive year and Kolten Wong homered for the second game in a row, helping St. Louis beat Pittsburgh for the third straight time.

Matt Adams had three hits and two RBIs for the Cardinals, who will go for a four-game sweep Thursday — although they might have to do it without All-Star catcher Yadier Molina. He was removed in the third inning with a sprained right thumb and will be re-evaluated Thursday.

Neil Walker homered and doubled for the Pirates, who had won 12 of 15 entering the series.

Froome crashes out on bumpy 5th Tour stage

ARENBERG, France (AP)—Reigning champion Chris Froome crashed twice and quit the Tour de France on Wednesday during a chaotic, nerve-jangling, filthy fifth stage full of spills.

Froome fell even before the seven cobblestone patches on the slick road from Ypres, Belgium, to Arenberg-Porte du Hainaut in France. Riders had known months ago about the bone-jarring course; incessant rain made it even more treacherous.

The withdrawal of the Team Sky leader left the race wide open with 16 stages still left.

Overall race leader Vincenzo Nibali wasted little time in speeding ahead, notably after he saw that his other big rival for the title this year, two-time Tour victor Alberto Contador, had trouble on the second run on cobbles.

Sensing the danger from the rain, race organizers scrapped two of the nine scheduled cobblestone patches, and reduced the stage by three kilometers (two miles). But that still wasn't enough to stop many riders from tumbling.

Froome, already nursing pain in his left wrist from a crash on Tuesday, took his third and last spill in two days about halfway through the stage. With a cut under his right eye, the Team Sky leader limped over to a team car, climbed in, and drove away.

Froome tweeted he was "devastated" to have to withdraw. "Injured wrist and tough conditions made controlling my bike near to impossible," he wrote. He wished luck to new Sky leader Richie Porte of Australia and his other teammates for the rest of the race.

"It's devastating for Chris and for the team," Sky boss Dave Brailsford said. "We really believed in Chris and his ability to win this race. But it's not to be this year.

"When you have a day like today, when you have a setback, you have to roll ahead and go again, you have to recalibrate your goals. Richie Porte came on the Tour to be the team leader No. 2, and he showed great ability to ride the cobbles the way he did."

The last time a defending champion abandoned the Tour was five-time winner Bernard Hinault of France in 1980, according to French cycling statistics provider Velobs.com.

Sources: Riley, LeBron meet, no decision yet

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Pat Riley made his pitch. And now, LeBron James wants time to think.

The Miami Heat president met with the four-time NBA MVP on Wednesday afternoon in Las Vegas, two people familiar with the situation told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because neither side publicly disclosed details of the meeting. James, his agent Rich Paul, Riley and Heat executive Andy Elisburg were at the meeting, said one of the people.

James has not made a decision and will not make any announcements before Thursday, a person said, adding, "He wants to meet with his family."

As he weighs his options, James will not meet with any other teams, the person added.

So now, Miami waits. So does Cleveland. So, too, does just about the entire NBA - because once James picks the Heat or the Cavaliers, the teams believed to be serious suitors for his services, the domino effect of other free agent moves will surely follow.

The meeting in Las Vegas lasted for more than an hour and took place more than two weeks after James opted out of his contract and elected to become a free agent, and the day before free agents may begin signing contracts.

James spent part of his day before the meeting at his annual skills academy with some of the nation's top high school and college players, interacting and observing workouts. That was part of the reason why Riley had to fly across the country to make the meeting happen, with hopes that he would return to Miami from the gambling haven with a huge win - keeping James in Heat colors for at least another season.

He returned to the camp after the meeting, jumping into some games with the high school players.

James spent a few minutes on each court during the evening session, high-fiving the kids as he played. And when Shake Milton of Owasso, Oklahoma, hit the deck on one play, James shouted, "Hold on, I got you, stay down," then promptly helped his teammate to his feet. Another highlight came when James showed off his passing skills, throwing a no-look assist to Jayson Tatum of St. Louis for a two-handed slam.

AP

Lebron James plays basketball with high school students during the Lebron James Skills Academy Wednesday, July 9, 2014, in Las Vegas.

Cavs agree to 3-way trade, make room for LeBron

CLEVELAND (AP) -- The Cavaliers have cleared a path for LeBron James to return to Cleveland.

They've made their moves. They're just waiting for him to make his.

The Cavs created enough salary-cap space to offer the superstar free agent a maximum contract on Wednesday agreeing to trade guard Jarrett Jack, swingman Sergey Karasev and center Tyler Zeller in a three-team deal with Brooklyn and Boston, a person familiar with the deals told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because teams are not permitted to discuss trades until the league's moratorium ends Thursday.

The maneuvering is designed to open room under the salary cap so they can re-sign the Akron-born James, the four-time league MVP and most sought-after player on the market.

With open roster spots, Cleveland isn't done.

Not long after making the trade with the Celtics and Nets, the Cavs had exploratory discussions with the Minnesota Timberwolves about a possible trade for three-time All-Star Kevin Love - if James does return to Cleveland, said a person with knowledge of the inquiry.

The Timberwolves would be looking for No. 1 overall draft pick Andrew Wiggins to be part of any potential package from Cleveland in order to consider parting with Love if the talks were to become more serious, the person said, speaking with the AP on condition of anonymity because neither team publicly announced the conversation.

Whatever the Cavs' next move is - with or without James - they could package together their other assets, including future first-round picks, to make a run at other All-Star players.

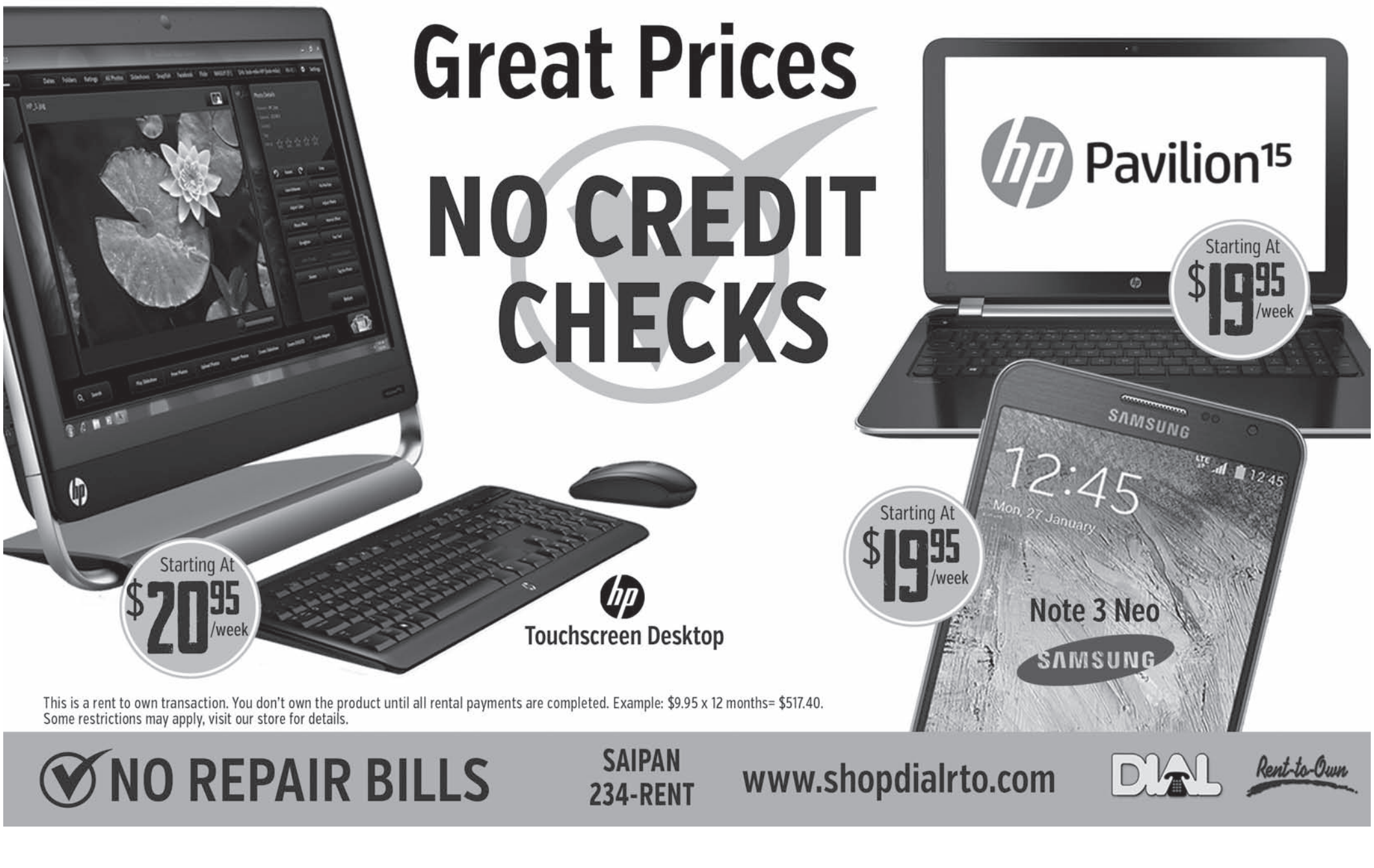
Meanwhile, James had his meeting in Las Vegas with Miami president Pat Riley.

James, his agent Rich Paul, Riley and Heat executive Andy Elisburg were at the meeting, a person with direct knowledge of the discussions told The AP.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because neither side publicly announced who would be attending the meeting or when it would take place.

James has not made a decision and will not make any announcements before Thursday, the person said.

With nothing finalized, LeBronathon 2014 will last at least one more day with the NBA—and fans in Miami and Cleveland—on edge.



Germany takes 'tiki-taka' to another level

PORTO SEGURO, Brazil (AP)—Germany has taken the ''tiki-taka'' passing game so intrinsically used by Spain to another level at the World Cup in Brazil, by adding ruthless efficiency to the possession philosophy.

Germany is one win from capturing its fourth World Cup title following the astonishing 7-1 demolition of host Brazil in the semifinals.

Spain beat Germany at two major tournaments and coach Joachim Loew was so impressed by the Spanish game that he has taken over many aspects and, of course, added some of his own flourishes.

Germany likes possession, just as Spain did, but Loew's team avoids endless wide passing and prefers to push forward at every occasion.

When Germany wins the ball in its half, Loew wants his players to pass it quickly forward, hoping to outnumber the opposing defense.

The result is that Germany creates many chances and scores plenty of goals.

Spain's minimalists scored eight goals in winning the 2010 World Cup - Germany already has 17 here, with one match remaining to play.

Spain beat Germany in the final of the 2008 European Championship and again in the semifinals of the 2010 World Cup.

But while Spain's game was based on endless possession and passing until an occasional chance was created, Loew's lineup is happy to attack and take risks.

''We want possession but that is only one factor in our game,'' Loew said earlier in the tournament. ''We want to keep the ball low, we want to avoid long and high balls and we want quick transition. We need to improve our efficiency.''

It worked perfectly against Brazil, as the historic result illustrates.

It may help that six of Germany's field players come from Bayern Munich, which has been coached by Pep Guardiola for one season. Guardiola was the mastermind of ''tiki-taka'' and won 14 titles in four seasons in charge of Barcelona, including two Champions League crowns. Barcelona inspired Spain's game that brought two European championships and a World Cup title.

Shirley's still unbeaten; Fiesta recovers

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REPORTER

Shirley's Coffee Shop won the battle of undefeated teams, while Fiesta Resort & Spa bounced back in Week 4 of the 2014 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Shirley's routed erstwhile co-leader Kanoa Resort in the first match, 82-62, while Fiesta Resort recovered from a loss to the former with a similar lopsided victory over Saipan Tribune/Realty Management Services in the third game, 94-60. With their easy wins, Shirley's improved to a flawless 4-0 record for the solo lead in the six-team field, while Fiesta holds a 3-1 mark, sharing second place with Kanoa. Saipan Tribune/RMS remained winless in four matches.

A big third-quarter turnaround allowed Shirley's to ease past Kanoa. Shirley's was ahead by only eight at the break, 39-31, when it doubled up Kanoa in the pivotal canto, 26-13, to enter the fourth period with a 21-point advantage, 65-44. In the fourth frame, Shirley's countered every basket Kanoa converted to keep the big margin and stretch its winning run to four.

Fradel Sedillo and Rommel Usi top-scored for Shirley's with 22 points each, while Matt Duenas also had 22 markers for Kanoa.

In the Fiesta-Saipan Tribune/RMS one-sided match, the former had the game in the bag right in the first quarter after limiting the latter to two field goals and taking a 22-5 lead. Fiesta went on to move away further in the last three quarters, as it had a lot of options on offense, while Fiesta-Saipan Tribune/RMS drew multiple baskets from only three players.

Four Fiesta players finished in twin digits and four others added at least four points each, while Fiesta-Saipan Tribune/RMS had only Mark Rabago, Irish Pagarao, and Ferdie De La Torre scoring in double figures.

Meanwhile, in the second game, POI notched its second straight win after downing the winless CTSI/D&Q, 80-43.

POI dictated the tempo of the match early, building an 18-8 advantage after the first period. It never looked back, as Ramsa Tenepere cashed in on easy baskets and the rest of his teammates stepped up. Tenepere recorded a game-high 22 points and had three other teammates contributing twin digits. In contrast, only Ariel Jinang finished in double figures for CTSI/D&Q (0-4) with his 19 markers.

First Game

Shirley's 82 – Sedillo 22, Usi 22, Dela Rosa 13, Jugos 9, Catungal 4, Nicdao 4, Drillon 2.

Kanoa Resort 62 – Duenas 22, Armia 17, Pablo 9, Usi 7, Nunez 3, Bustillo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-14, 39-31, 65-44, 82-62.

Second Game

POI 80 – Tenepere 22, Villanueva 18, Kim 14, Salamat 11, Iglecias 6, Matagolai 4, Acosta 2.

CTSI/D&Q 43 – Jinang 19, Garcia 8, Echavez 6, Solidum 4, Canadalla 3, Cornel 1.

Scoring by quarters: 18-8, 40-20, 61-35, 80-43.

Third Game

Fiesta Resort 94 – Quizon 19, Macoto 13, Matsutaro 13, Villamena 10, Galag 9, Esdrelon 6, Alakda 6, Bello 4.

Saipan Tribune/RMS 60 – Rabago 22, Pagarao 13, De La Torre 10, Ong 6, Angeles 5, Moran 2, Pajarillaga 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-5, 35-24, 60-42, 94-60.

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Paul Quizon, seen here eluding POI's J.P. Villanueva in the shaded lane during their game in the opening day of the Tan Holdings caging, scored 19 points in Fiesta Resort & Spa's 94-60 rout of Saipan Tribune/Realty Management Services last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	49	41	.544	—
Toronto	48	45	.516	2½
New York	46	44	.511	3
Tampa Bay	42	52	.447	9
Boston	40	51	.440	9½

Central Division

Detroit	50	37	.575	—
Kansas City	47	43	.522	4½
Cleveland	44	46	.489	7½
Chicago	44	48	.478	8½
Minnesota	41	49	.456	10½

West Division

Oakland	57	34	.626	—
Los Angeles	53	37	.589	3½
Seattle	49	42	.538	8
Houston	39	54	.419	19
Texas	38	53	.418	19

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	49	40	.551	—
Atlanta	49	42	.538	1
Miami	44	47	.484	6
New York	42	49	.462	8
Philadelphia	40	51	.440	10

Central Division

Milwaukee	52	40	.565	—
St. Louis	50	42	.543	2
Cincinnati	49	42	.538	2½
Pittsburgh	47	44	.516	4½
Chicago	38	52	.422	13

West Division

San Francisco	50	41	.549	—
Los Angeles	51	42	.548	—
San Diego	40	51	.440	10
Colorado	39	53	.424	11½
Arizona	39	54	.419	12

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lied on a run and gun game.

"Our offensive philosophy will feature a balanced offensive attack featuring half court sets and fastbreaks. Our offense is not designed to create a shot for a particular player but to break down the defense until we get the best shot possible," Rangamar said. "Our defense will feature mainly a half court man to man, but will instill zones or pressure defense if need to."

The coach will employ the same strategy to the women's team and will make the necessary adjustments as the tournament progresses.

"Our coaching staff along with our players will be watching games to do scouting on all the teams, using videos and notes so we can gauge the strengths, weaknesses, and tendencies of all the teams and formulate a game plan for each match," Rangamar said.

The BANMI official added the absence of video footages of the participating teams make it hard for them to gauge their opponents, but judging from last Micro Games' results, Guam remains the favorite.

"Guam is the benchmark but we can't over look the other teams," said Rangamar, who has been facilitating the team's training sessions at the start of the year.

"With the work we've put in the last several months, I am confident we will come back with medals from both squads. Both teams are young in terms of age but not lacking in experience. The focus of the team these last two weeks is on mastering our offensive and defensive schemes. I also hope that our players will have no major injuries coming into the tournament," he added.

Both squads will leave Saipan on June 20, just in time for the 8pm opening ceremony of the Games that will run until July 29.

ARGENTINA

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youngster at AZ Alkmaar in the Dutch league.

"I will be forever grateful to the coach for helping me out in a country that is so different from ours," Romero said.

A day after Germany lit up the World Cup with its clinical 7-1 destruction of host Brazil, the Dutch and Argentines could not manage a goal between them in 120 minutes before the shootout.

Messi, widely regarded as one of the greatest players of all time, will have to do play far better in Sunday's final at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana Stadium if he is to engineer a win over the powerful German team. The Barcelona star was muted throughout the match and extra time, rarely managing to shake off his markers.

At the Itaquerao Stadium, he was overshadowed by his goalkeeper and the man he replaced as Argentina captain, Javier Mascherano, who bossed the midfield for his team the way surprise starter Nigel de Jong did for the Dutch.

When Robben looked like deciding the match in stoppage time, Mascherano's perfectly timed sliding tackle blocked his shot at the near post.

"I would say that he is an outstanding player," Argentina coach Alejandro Sabella said. "He is an emblem within our national squad, on the field as well as off it."

Romero - thought to be a weak link for Argentina and not even a starter for his Monaco club most of last season - had almost nothing to do during the match, but blocked penalties by Ron Vlaar and Wesley Sneijder in the shootout. For Argentina, Messi, Ezequiel Garay, Sergio Aguero and Maxi Rodriguez all converted their spot kicks.

"It's luck, that's the truth. You can dive (the right way) and not make it, like happened to their goalkeeper," Romero said. "I had confidence, thank God things turned out well."

A Germany-Argentina final means an extra bitter end to the tournament for Brazilians, who will have to watch their fiercest rivals play for the world title in their most hallowed stadium against a team that humiliated their nation in the semifinals.

"We have a final to play, but with one day less rest and against Germany," Sabella said. "We'll do everything possible to make it all the way to the top."

It was the second straight penalty shootout following a 0-0 draw for the Dutch. Against Costa Rica in the quarterfinals, Van Gaal brought on substitute goalkeeper Tim Krul in the last seconds of extra time to replace Jasper Cillessen and Krul saved two spot kicks.

This time, Van Gaal had used up all three substitutions by the end of extra time and Cillessen had to face the shootout.

The young Ajax goalkeeper collapsed onto his knees and sank onto his back when Rodriguez's powerful strike ended the shootout. Krul walked across the pitch to console him.

Van Gaal also said he had a hand in Romero's heroics from their time together at AZ Alkmaar.

"Penalties are always a matter of luck," he said. "And I taught Romero how to stop penalties so that hurts."

Many of Argentina's players stripped off their shirts in the rain at the Itaquerao Stadium and danced in front of their fans.

Argentina reached its fifth final, and its first in 24 years. It won the title in 1978 - beating the Dutch - and in 1986. It lost the championship matches in 1930 and 1990. It played West Germany in both the '86 and '90 finals.

The Netherlands, which has never won the World Cup, was seeking to reach its fourth final.

After scoring 10 goals in three group matches, the Dutch scoring dried up in the knockout rounds. The team managed two late strikes against Mexico but failed to find the net before eliminating Costa Rica in the quarterfinal shootout.

"The issue in a championship like this one is that you score one more goal than your opponent, which we didn't do," Van Gaal said, "We didn't create very much."

MP United captain holds ground in PH league

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MP United's Enrico Del Rosario, second left, poses with Agila MSA officials and supporters after getting a silver medal in the division finals of the 2014 United Football League in the Philippines last month.

MP United U18 team captain Enrico Del Rosario held his own in a brief stint in the Philippine's premier football league last month.

Del Rosario played for the Agila MSA, which made it all the way to the finals of the Division 2 of the 2014 United Football League. He suited up for four games with Agila MSA, helping his team force a scoreless draw against the Philippine Army in the last match of the regular season. Then in the quarterfinals, Del Rosario and his teammates routed Pachangan Diliman FC, 10-1, to advance to the semis where they also prevailed against Nomads FC, 5-3, to set up a division title showdown against Kaya FC. Agila MSA went on to lose the finals in penalty shootout, 6-7.

"Enrico was made to play as holding midfielder by our coach Richard Leyble. He said Enrico was a steady force in midfield. He was calm and collected. He did not panic and executed his role well. At the start, with his teammates still trying to figure him out, adjustments were made, but after the first match, he got into the groove. He played a big role in getting the team to the finals. Too bad they lost on penalties," Agila MSA general manager Troy Borja said.

"Enrico played a big role on the team. In our second game I need to adjust his position because of his fitness. Then I put him as my central back and I knew that he can lead our back four well. He played beyond my expectations. In our last game, he was at central back and our team played a very tough game in the championship. He led his back four very well and it's very organized. I recommend that Enrico focuses on central back, as he can always win the ball specially the aerial battles and 1 v 1 situations," Leyble said.

Agila MSA is happy the club decided to recruit Del Rosario and it hopes to see the MP United defender next season after a brief, but impressive stint in UFL.

"We already saw Enrico during the Pilipinas Cup last year and in the tryouts for the Philippine Youth national team. We knew he would do well given his discipline and skills. He was a bit hobbled though by a nagging ankle injury but to his credit he played through the pain. We would love to have Enrico play for us next year if he still wants to join us. He can join the U19 team and we can also list him as a youth player in our UFL Division 2 team," Borja added.

Del Rosario said he is willing to return to the team and was thankful for the opportunity to be part of a champion-caliber squad.

"It was a great experience playing with Agila MSA. I am thankful for their trust and for welcoming me on the team. It felt amazing playing in the finals as there were a lot of good teams in the league. It's one of the best games I've ever played. I just stayed focused in the game and executed what the coach told me," the 17-year-old athlete said.

SSC offers free swim lessons for adults

For two months (July and August), Saipan Swim Club is offering free swim lessons to adult non-swimmers every Saturday.

Classes are set for 2pm and last for one hour. Interested individuals are asked to wear t-shirts and shorts or swimsuits during the classes.

Class size is limited, so contact lead instructor Emma Perez to register. This is a pilot program. If successful, it will continue year-round.

Approach to teaching is friendly, encouraging, and fun. Afraid of the water? No problem, teaching is at your pace. Embarrassed? Again, no problem. Sometimes life gets in the way of things you'd like to learn. Now is your chance.

In support of the program, the University of San Francisco Masters team has donated goggles for participants.

This program is made possible through the generosity of the Mariana Resort & Spa and the volunteer instructors from SSC.

For more information, please contact Emma Perez at 285-4268.

Open water swim Sunday

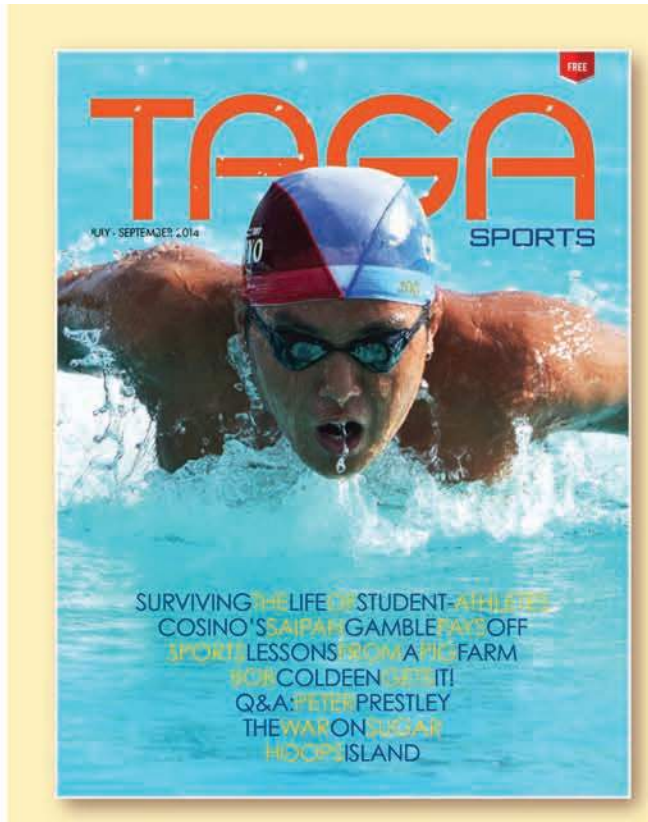
This Sunday at 7am, Saipan swimmers will jump in the water and swim from PauPau Beach to Tanapag as part of the Saipan Swim Club Masters Summer Fun Open Water Series, hosted by Saipan Swim Club Masters.

These fun swims are untimed and use of fins, buoys, snorkels, and wetsuits is welcome.

Large bright orange buoys will mark the approximately 3.7 kilometer route (2.3 miles) and kayakers will provide on-water escort and support. The swim is entirely within the lagoon and will end at the Tanapag boat ramp (in the park across from Santa Remedios Church).

The swim is free to SSC members and lifeguards with proof of certification. For all other swimmers, the registration fee is just $5 cash or check (payable to SSC).

Registration is from 6am to 6:45am on the beach. For more information, please call Emma Perez at 285-4268. ***(PR)***



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CNMI men's, women's cage teams named

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New faces dominate the CNMI men's national basketball team's roster, while the women's squad has several returnees competing in the 8th Micronesian Games in Pohnpei later this month.

Jimmy Tudela, Christian Mizer, Ezra Caro, Jason Lampkin, Fred Litulumar, Leowell Cristobal, Bryle Alegre, Marvin Rabauliman, Jawn Joyner, and Preston Basa will make their first Micro Games appearance and will be joined by 2010 team holdovers Jack Lizama and Dan Barcinas. On the women's side, veteran Connie Camacho leads the returnees list, which also includes Lia Rangamar, Irish Pagarao, Ira Palero, Lilly Williams and Jamie Mendoza. Completing the team are Micro Games first timers Teresita Sablan, Rachel Abrams, Madeleine Alegre, Marie Javier, Antonette Labausa, and Michelle Kautz.

Both teams will be coached by Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands vice president Elias Rangamar, who will have Heartim Williams as his assistant for the men's team and Basa for the women's side.

Rangamar said that although only two players from the 2010 team are back for duty for the CNMI, the men's squad is not lacking in experience, as some of them have already played for the Commonwealth in youth tournaments here and off island. Rabauliman played for the CNMI in the 2009 Oceania Basketball Tournament, while Tudela, Alegre, and Mizer suited up for the Commonwealth teams that participated in the Micronesian Basketball Tournament on Saipan and Guam in 2012 and 2013, respectively. Mizer is also playing in college in the U.S. mainland, while the rest are competing in various local leagues.

Early this year, the core of the team participated in the QQ caging and won the championship against JP World, which was bannered by former CNMI Men's Nationals member and the high-scoring Freddie Pelisamen.

In the QQ caging, Rangamar's wards worked on their motion offense, which was evidently missing in the CNMI's last two campaigns in the Micro Games, as the Commonwealth bets re-

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Rachel Abrams, seen here driving against Rollers defenders during a fundraising tournament last month at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, is one of the 12 players named to the CNMI Women's National Team that will compete in the 8th Micronesian Games in Pohnpei later this month.

Argentina reaches finals after penalties

SAO PAULO (AP) -- The World Cup's second semifinal was supposed to put the silky skills of Lionel Messi and Arjen Robben in the spotlight. Instead, a goalkeeper and two rock-solid defenses stole the show.

Argentina goalie Sergio Romero saved two penalties Wednesday to send Argentina into the World Cup final with a 4-2 shootout win over the Netherlands after tough defending and a lack of creative spark from either team consigned the match to a 0-0 stalemate.

In a twist of fate, Romero credited Netherlands coach Louis van Gaal with helping launch his career when he arrived as an inexperienced

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Argentina's goalkeeper Sergio Romero reacts after stopping a shot by Netherlands' Ron Vlaar during a penalty shootout after extra time in the World Cup semifinal soccer match between the Netherlands and Argentina at the Itaquerao Stadium in Sao Paulo Brazil, Wednesday, July 9, 2014. Argentina defeated the Netherlands, 4-2, in a penalty shootout after a 0-0 tie to advance to the finals.

WORLD CUP 2014 FEVER
Saipan Soccer School joins the rest of the world tuning in to World Cup 2014 actions and will be holding a trivia contest from June 13 to July 11, 2014 to bring the World Cup fever from Brazil to the CNMI. Questions will appear in the Saipan Tribune every Wednesday and Friday.
QUESTIONS: Which four Asian teams competed in the 2014 FIFA World Cup?
MECHANICS: 1 The first 5 persons to give correct answers will get prizes from SSS. 2 Winners are allowed to win only once a week. All age groups are eligible to join. 3 Answers can be sent via Facebook (@Saipan SoccerSchool) or Twitter (@SpnSoccerSchool). 4 Winners will be contacted through Facebook and Twitter. Prizes can be claimed at the SSS office at the JP Centre on Beach Road, from 9am to 10am every Thursday (for Wednesday issue) and Monday (for Friday issue).
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